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ANTI-RED DRIVE. FURTHER RAIDS AGAINST COMMUNISTS. CANTON CITY EASIER. LOYAL TROOPS' UP-COUNTRY VICTORIES.

Further raids against the Communists are reported from Hangchow, Ningpo and Wusih, also from Amoy, where the extremists have been dealt with.
A die-hard few in Canton still defy General Chiang Kai-shek's authority, but the position in the city is generally easier. Loyal troops have won victories up-country.

BREACH WIDENS. Further Anti-Communist Raids.

Rugby, April 18.
Reports from various Chinese centres indicate a widening of the breach between General Chiang Kai-shek and the extremists.
At Hangchow, Ningpo and Wusih as well as in Shanghai, anti-Communist raids have taken place, while at Changsha the extremists have dealt drastically with the more moderate Chinese elements.



General Ching Chien, Commander of the 6th Nationalist Army, is expected to arrive in Canton on Friday. He is reported to be very much opposed to General Chiang Kai-shek and has thrown in his lot with the extremists against Chiang. General Ching Chien is on his way from Wuhu. —British Naval Wireless.

[Kiukiang is further up the Yangtze than Wuhu, which is not far from Nanking, where General Chiang Kai-shek is convening a Kuomintang session. General Ching Chien was in charge at Nanking when the outrages of foreigners were perpetrated.]

CANTON REDS. Die-Hard Few Still Defy Government.

Isolated challenges are being made to the Canton Government in spite of Good Friday's drastic coup.
Even in Canton city itself, a minority of die-hard extremists holds out in defiance of the authorities.
From up-country come reports of further victories for the loyal troops.

In one or two places, Communist institutions displayed inscriptions to the effect that if the Government would not let them live they were prepared to be shot; and if the Government did not wish them to stay in their native Kwangtung, they were willing to become exiles.

Then, again, an orator or two has got up a street corner and cried "Down with Chiang Kai-shek." Such speeches have not lasted more than a minute or two.

An encouraging feature of the campaign against the Farmers' Corps in Yingtak, who have been reinforced by local banditti, is that the Mechanics Union (composed of Rightists), is working overtime to get the trains running from Canton up the North River, so that military movements can be facilitated.
Three villages have been burned down in the course of operations against the Communist element around Yingtak.

WAR NEWS. North's Troops Still In Pukow. THE FIRING ON SHIPS.

Nanking, April 18.
Whilst firing on ships up to seven miles above Nanking continues, the firing across the river has decreased (below Nanking). The remainder of the foreign commercial community, not hitherto evacuated are now being sent to Shanghai. —British Naval Wireless.
[A report published yesterday indicated that General Chang Tsung-chang's Northerners of Shantung had advanced along the north bank of the Yangtze River (up-stream) as far as Hoehow, which is about 80 miles above Nanking. Apparently, the rival outposts on the two banks of the river, are firing at each other, above Nanking, and that a lull has set in below Nanking and as far as Chinkiang, where Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's Northern Army is being held back by the Nationalists on the river and on the south bank.]

CAUGHT IN TRAP? Northerners at Pukow and Their Line.

While pro-Canton reports admit that the Northerners are still in Pukow (the terminus of the railway to Tientsin), which faces Nanking from the opposite side of the river, the Shantung Army is still spoken of as "remnants".
The case made out for the Northerners is that they have enticed the vanguard of the Shantung men down the Tientsin-Pukow Railway while the left (western wing) of the Nationalist Army has deployed and pushed northwards, cutting the Northerners' line of communications at Pukow, much further north.
This has not been confirmed by foreign observers. Kuomintang sources claim that their left wing has dealt a mortal blow at the advanced Northerners and that the latter are surrendering—in hundreds, prisoners having been sent along the Nanking Railway to Shanghai.

Logic of Events. It is further stated that the Nationalist left wing has sent a detachment to round up the Northern "remnants" in and near Pukow, while the main body is pushing on to Hsuehchow, where General Chang Tsung-chang has his first line of defence for Peking.

Pengpi is on the Pukow-Tientsin Railway. Should the Northerners be approaching that point without regard to alignment, it is only logical to assume that the Northerners would have realised their position, given up Pukow again and retreated once more. Nor would the Northerners have advanced further, southwards along the bend in the Yangtze, to cause the cross-river firing above Nanking, as reported by wireless.
Chinese cables report that Hankow is sending a force northwards to meet the Fengtien advance from Honan province, this latter being referred to below.

CHING CHIEN. Refuses to Fight for Chiang Kai-shek.

Shanghai, April 18.
Such reports as were obtainable yesterday indicated that the Northern advances rumoured the previous day had been substantial enough, but no further movements of a spectacular character were reported except through local Kuomintang supporters. That Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's several columns had crossed the Yangtze, and had advanced as far down the railway as Pennu, was satisfactorily confirmed.

Chinese reports had it yesterday that various Communist armies such as that commanded by General Ching Chien, acting under orders from Hankow, had everywhere refused to fight in support of General Chiang Kai-shek, their purpose being to bring about his collapse and prevent the prospective Kuomintang conference at Nanking.
(Continued on Page 7.)

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.
The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

MR. CHEN'S REPLY. POWERS TO SEND A STRONGER NOTE. TIME LIMIT LIKELY. PEKING MINISTERS IN FULL AGREEMENT.

Mr. Eugene Chen's reply to the Powers' Note regarding the Nanking outrages is considered by the Ministers at Peking to be quite unsatisfactory.
It is now considered probable that the Powers will send a stronger Note to Mr. Eugene Chen demanding a specific answer to their claims and fixing a time limit.

"EQUIVOCAL." Mr. Eugene Chen "Overreaches Himself."

Rugby, April 18.
The Peking Ministers of the five Powers who sent identical notes to the Cantonese Nationalist Government regarding the Nanking outrages have had under consideration the replies received from Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister.
It is understood that Ministers have unanimously decided to send identical recommendations to their respective Governments.
The general view taken by the British Press of Mr. Chen's reply is that it is an unsatisfactory and equivocal document which fails to meet the demands set forth in the original communications from the Powers.
It is pointed out that Mr. Chen in a palpable effort to use the occasion for propaganda purposes has notably overreached himself in his references to the "Anglo-American bombardment of Nanking," entirely ignoring the fact that the bombardment by the warships, while causing only three Chinese casualties, alone enabled the party of foreign men, women and children who were at the time under the fire of the Cantonese soldiery to escape with their lives. —British Wireless Service.

NEW NOTE. Powers to Demand a Specific Answer.

London, April 18.
Reuter understands that the five Ministers at Peking are in complete agreement and have now reported to their respective Governments regarding Mr. Chen's replies to their identical Notes.
They consider the former quite unsatisfactory and no answer to the charges in the Notes, and are calculated to cause procrastination and, if possible, discord among the Powers.
It is now considered probable that a further communication, presumably a joint one, will be made to Mr. Chen, with the object of eliciting a specific answer to the points in the first Note.
It is expected this new Note will be more vigorous in tone and might possibly include a time limit for compliance. —Reuter.

MISSION LOOTED. Hankow Chinese Fear Trouble.

Hankow, April 18.
The Peasants' Union at Hwangchow has been creating trouble and it is reliably reported that the Roman Catholic Mission there has been looted by them.
Chinese of all classes appear to be anticipating trouble here at Hankow and large numbers of the more wealthy classes have left the district.
At Oncheng there are 10,000 troops of the 8th Army. —British Naval Wireless.

[The 28th Nationalist Army is commanded by General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow, who is allegedly unfavourable to General Chiang Kai-shek and the "strong man" of the extremists.]
Japanese Field Guns.
Changsha, April 18.
Field guns have been landed in the Japanese Concession by the Japanese naval authorities.
Parts of the 10th and 4th Nationalist Armies are now here.
It is reported here that large numbers of the wealthy classes at Hankow are leaving in anticipation of trouble and that among

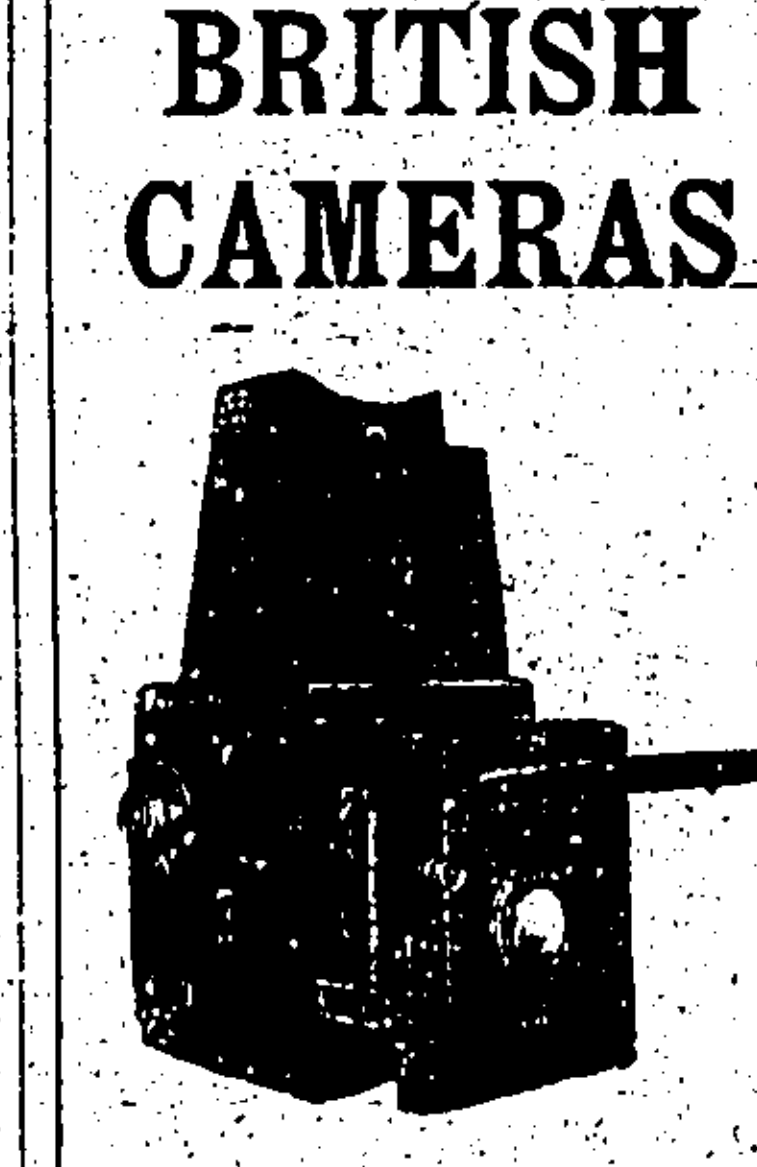


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At the close of the world war there were companies belonging to nearly all the great nations, but Scandinavians, Belgians, Dutch, and subjects of other smaller peoples were found in the British and other companies. Every company had its own officers, generally a captain and one or two lieutenants; and the staff was formed from these, under a colonel of the British army. He and two sergeant majors were the only regular soldiers appointed and paid by the community.

Ordinarily not much was seen of these volunteer companies. During the day the men had their offices and businesses to attend to, and they did not don khaki except at their evening drills or in response to mobilisation orders. But at rifle butts never a day passed without some company or other engaging in rifle practice, and the Chinese saw for themselves that the volunteers were all trained and knew how to shoot straight.

Regular Training.
Now and then the artillery gullied down to Woosung and shot off some salvoes in Yangtze. At least once a week the machine guns were barking at the targets; and the Light Horse company, after the war, kept training regularly. All these amateurs played the soldier with such zeal and enthusiasm that at last, as a body, they were a quite effective and well disciplined force of about 1,200 men.

Every man had his mobilisation instructions and every company its appointed place, as a link in the defence of the settlement. A plan of co-operation with the well organised police force, and the foreign marines who might be in the harbour, was drawn up by the staff, police, and naval authorities, and revised from time to time.

Mobilisation occasionally brought to light the incompleteness of the kit of many of the men; but whatever things the men might lack, there was never any mistake in the matter of rifles and their equipment.

All the international companies wore the familiar British khaki uniform; and the various national units sported the military dress of their respective countries; but they all in common had the badge of Shanghai city arms on their caps.

At the big parades, when some old asthmatic Indian general inspected the foreign legion it was easy to differentiate the nations. The Americans had their "Sam Brown" belts and ammunition adorning their bodies, the Japanese so much smaller than the others, the Portuguese black-avised; and then among the Scandinavians a tall, blonde black Jew from Omsk, Italians and Lithuanians, Germans, and Poles, and all the rest.

Many Nationalities.
The engineer company, recruited from all the engineering firms in the town, was one of the hardest working corps of all. Men who during the day were toiling away at the erection of skyscrapers, or worked at the shipyards, or laboured at other employments, at their military tasks often got stuck in their own rusty barbed wire entanglements or dug hundreds of yards of problematical trenches.

The Customs company numbered in its ranks many nationalities as the muster roll shows:—McKenzie, Cederstrom, Mywie, Paderewski, Grundstein, Ferreira, and lots of others. The Maritime company, which consisted of terra firma skippers, mates at grass, and similar skilled nautical men, had their field alongside the river, and did wonderful things in the way of training exploits on the water.

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Cairo, February 17.—The British motorists, Capt. Malins and Mr. Charles Oliver, who were held up with motor trouble, have now reached Kossaima, on the Palestine frontier.]

Belgrade, April 18.—The Cabinet has been reformed with M. Vukitchewitch as Premier and M. Marinkovitch as Minister of Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

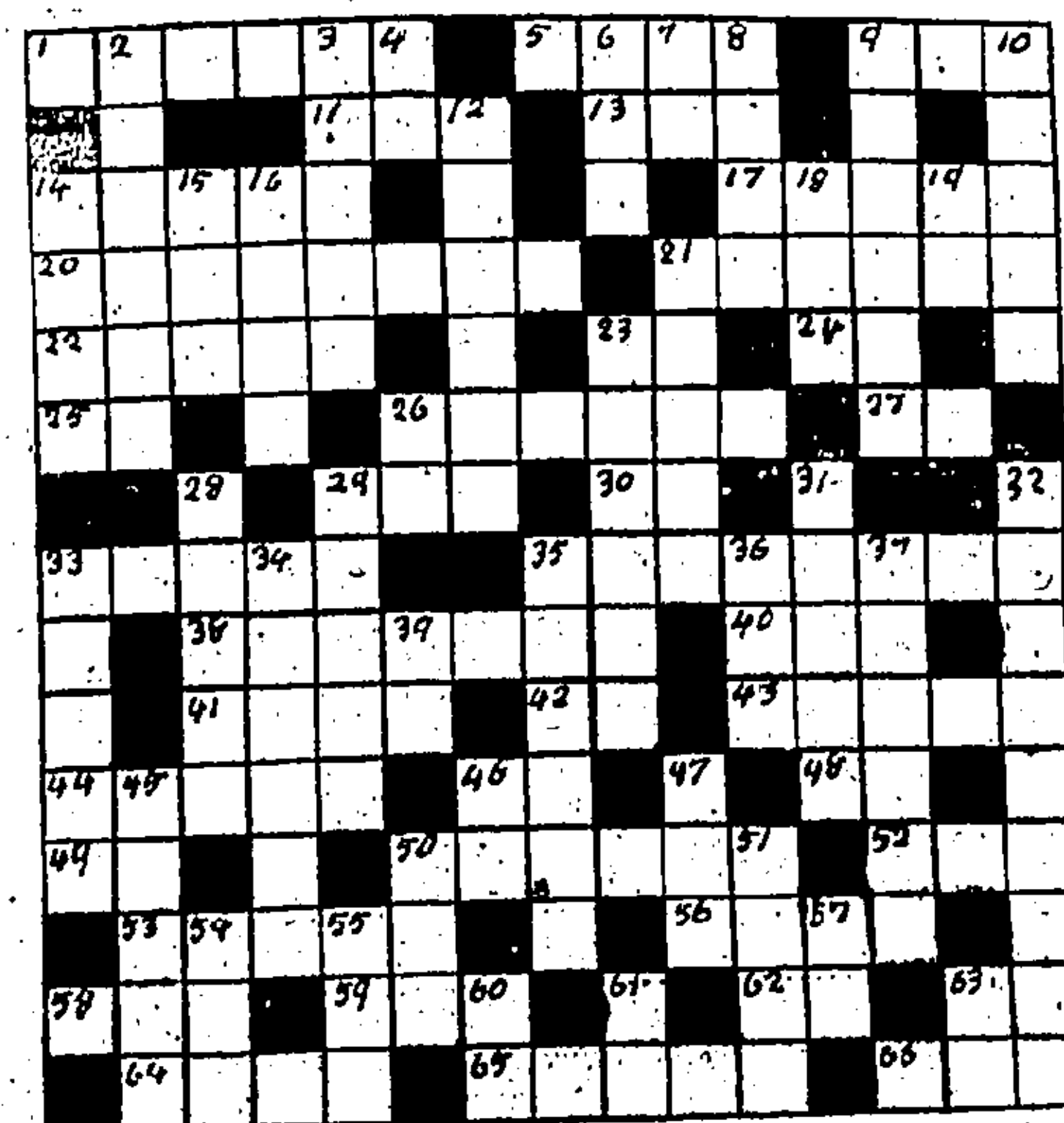
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Clues Across.

1. To reject.
5. A fish.
6. To carve.
11. Liquid obtained from pine-trees.
13. Consumed.
14. To verify.
16. A girl's name.
20. Motion in a circle.
21. Pertaining to the 'Pelvis.'
22. A feature.
23. South East (abbrev).
24. Prefix meaning 'down'.
25. A point of the compass.
26. Produced by aid of the teeth.
27. In the direction of.
29. A hill.
30. A bone.
35. To tremble.
36. Appearance to hide reality.
38. The winged sandals of 'Hermes'.
40. A girl's name.
41. The handle of a sword.
42. LX (actual).
43. The nitrate of potash.
44. A foamy deposit of the Pleistocene age.
48. WU (actual).
49. Sixth note in scale.
50. A colour.
52. Abbreviation for 'numbers'.
53. A widow's right.
56. Interrogative pronoun.
58. Thuid.
59. Consumed.
62. A printer's measure.
63. Same as 27 across.
64. Perception.
65. Fat and short.
66. A weight.

Clues Down.

2. To indame.
3. To walk in pompos manner.
4. EA (actual).
6. Pres: ind: of 'Have'.
7. Denotes presence.
8. Delate.
9. A leap.
10. Footprint.
12. Lowing.
14. Deeds.
15. An important date.
16. Sharp or sour.
18. Not very.
19. XI (actual).
21. A blow.
23. A resin.
26. To perform any action.
28. A machine.
29. A mineral.
37. Floating on the surface.
39. Same as 7 down.
45. Solemn statements.
46. Us.
47. In what manner.
50. Besides.
51. Watery part of milk.
54. The organ of sight.
55. A domestic animal.
57. The indefinite article.
60. EP (actual).
61. AD (actual).
63. Same as 27 across.

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A STORM OF PROTEST.

The Falmouth Harbour Commissioners have asked Mr. G. Wheatly Cobb, the owner of the old frigate "Foudroyant," to take immediate steps to remove the vessel. They also propose to consult Captain W. H. Downman, the owner of the "Cutty Sark," the famous China tea-clipper, on his return to Falmouth, with reference to the anchorage of that ship.

The vessels are moored in the inner harbour. The "Foudroyant," which is a training ship for boys, has occupied her present berth for more than twenty years. The Commissioners' demand has evoked a storm of protest. They contend that the berths occupied by the ships are required for the commercial development of the harbour, and that an application has been received from a cable ship for accommodation.

One Commissioner declared that the two vessels, which he described as "two old bits of wood," had no sentimental value for him, and another claimed that the Harbour Board wanted to remove the "Foudroyant" to make room for two ships which would bring to the tradespeople of Falmouth £5 for every shilling spent at present.

Mr. Wheatly Cobb's Offer.

In his reply to the Harbour Board Mr. Wheatly Cobb pointed out that the frigate came to Falmouth in 1903, and no complaint had been made that she was in the way. He had trained a large number of boys entirely at his own expense. The ship has cost him £5,000 a year and nearly all that money was spent in Falmouth. If the "Foudroyant" went the famous old battleship "Implacable" (of which Mr. Wheatly Cobb has the care) must go as well, or someone else found to take charge of her.

Mr. Wheatly Cobb now offers to pay any reasonable dues for the berth of the ship and to move her to the outer harbour during the summer on condition that she is allowed to return to her present berth in the winter, and to contribute £500 towards the cost of dredging the inner harbour.

The Harbour Board are still considering the position. Both the "Foudroyant" and the "Cutty Sark" are big assets to Falmouth as a holiday resort.

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WORLD'S NAVIES.

BRITAIN'S LEAD IN
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Particulars of the fleets of the British Empire, the United States of America, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, and the Soviet Union are contained in a Blue Book published by his Majesty's Stationery Office, price 2s. The following table shows the number of vessels built by the respective countries:

	Battle ships & battle cruisers.	Cruisers.	Fleet leaders & destroyers.	Submarines.
British Empire	18	48	174	55
United States	18	32	1309	121
Japan	10	33	109	58
France	9	16	64	44
Italy	16	14	71	42
Soviet Union	5	7	83	23
Germany	8	8	117	—

*Including 4 battle cruisers in each case.

*Including 14 fitted as mine-layers.

*Classed as large torpedo boats. The ships at present building include two British and one Soviet battleship; 14 British, 5 American, 6 Japanese, 5 French, 2 Italian, 2 Soviet, and 3 German cruisers; 2 British, 18 Japanese, 30 French, 8 Italian, 24 Soviet, and 12 German fleet leaders and destroyers; and 9 British, 3 American, 19 Japanese, 43 French, 15 Italian, and 3 Soviet submarines. The Soviet cruisers and destroyers are of pre-revolutionary design, and the work is proceeding slowly, or in some cases is entirely stopped.

Up to the financial year 1929 Britain has projected 9 cruisers, 27 fleet leaders and destroyers, and 13 submarines. America has projected 13 cruisers, of which only three are authorised, 12 destroyers, and 4 submarines. Japan up to 1931-32 has projected 4 cruisers, 15 destroyers, and 6 submarines. France up to 1929 contemplates 2 cruisers, 19 fleet leaders and destroyers, and 20 submarines, and she also proposes to lay down 4 second-class submarines each year in 1928 and 1929. Italy in 1927-3 projects 3 cruisers, 8 destroyers, and 3 submarines. Germany in 1927 projects one cruiser only. No authentic programme has been issued by the Soviet Union.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Janus" left Kobe for this port on April 13, a.m., and is due here to-day.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama at noon to-morrow.
The Ben Line s.s. "Benmohr" from Leith-Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on April 27.
The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" from Hong Kong arrived London on 16th April at 6 p.m.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong from London and Singapore by the s.s. "Hakone Maru" on April 17, included:—Mr. J. Baldoock, Mr. T. Bu, Miss M. Claves, Miss E. Coyle, Mr. O. E. Davies, Mr. J. Dudgeon, Miss S. G. Duff, Mrs. G. M. Fraser, Mr. O. G. Hering, Mr. Leo Hon-chee, Miss M. S. F. Hilly, Mr. R. F. Inkpen, Mr. C. H. Kleyn, Mr. E. A. MacDonald, Miss M. Meulemans, Miss M. B. Neville, Mr. R. N. Reuben, Miss M. E. Shearer, Mrs. M. H. Thomas, Mr. J. F. Van Nieuwkoop, Mr. G. J. E. Versteegh, Mr. W. Warren, Mrs. Warren, Mr. T. W. Willard, Mr. H. Jory, Mr. R. A. May, Mr. D. Mennie, Mr. H. I. Pridoux Brune, Mr. W. Palmer, Dr. W. R. Soutter, Baron and Baroness A. Matsui, Mrs. E. New, Master P. New, Dr. H. Odier, Miss F. Odier, Mr. and Mrs. W. Winkler, Mr. H. Hansen.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers departed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Hakone Maru" for Japan via Shanghai on April 18 included:—Mrs. M. E. Hall, Mrs. D. Johnston, Mr. F. A. MacDonald, Mr. D. Mennie, Commander T. Mogh, Dr. H. Odier, Miss F. Odier, Col. S. Hida, Mr. Jory, Col. and Mrs. A. Samba, Mr. O. E. Davies, Baron and Baroness H. Matsui, Mr. and Mrs. Winkler, Major K. Abe, Mr. J. F. Van Nieuwkoop, Mr. C. H. Kleyn, Mr. and Mrs. W. Warren, Miss M. E. Shearer, Mr. Mr. Dudgeon, Mrs. E. New, Master P. New, Mr. P. Parsram, Mr. Pridoux Brune, Mrs. S. Kareppa, Miss E. Coyle, Miss S. C. Duff, Mrs. C. A. Frazer, Miss Frazer, Dr. W. R. Soutter, Mr. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Chant, Mr. W. Palmer.

Passengers departed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Korea Maru" for San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan ports and Honolulu on April 18, included:—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Knoke, Mr. L. M. Howe, Miss S. C. Duff, Miss G. A. Frazer, Miss D. Fraser, Miss E. Coyle, Rev. and Mrs. T. B. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Miller, Mr. F. A. Crampton, Mr. R. W. Crampton, Miss H. Gourdin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pinto, Rev. and Mrs. Weidemann, Mr. A. N. Campbell, Mr. T. W. Willard, Dr. and Miss Bittner, Master Bittner, Mr. J. S. Alano, Mrs. Alano, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parish, Mr. M. McLomans, Mr. E. T. Orozco, Mrs. C. Orozco, Mr. and Mrs. O. Rocher, Mrs. P. C. Burrows, Miss E. Calloway, Miss A. Johnson.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23	May 26	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 13	June 16	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4	July 7	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 15	July 19	July 22	July 25	July 28	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 5	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 21
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 5	Sept. 8	Sept. 11
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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
HONOLULU MARU Wednesday, 20th April.
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INDO MARU Thursday, 5th May.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Sunday, 1st May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Friday, 29th April.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KOHO MARU Saturday, 30th April.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 6th May.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PARHOL.
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 26th April.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAGUE MARU Sunday, 1st May.
TIENTSIN VIA TSINGTAU
CHUKWA MARU Middle of April.
JAPAN PORTS
ALTAI MARU Friday, 18th May.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
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DELTA	8,097	3rd May	Singapore, Colombo & Antwerp
LAHORE	5,252	11th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	6,853	11th May	S'pore, P'ang, Colombo, B'way & K'chi
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,318	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London
MANITA	10,092	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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MOREA	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MIRZAPUR	6,715	19th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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WORLD'S WARSHIPS.

THE PRESENT POSITION
ANALYSED.

OUR NEW BATTLESHIPS.

In view of the American proposal for the further limitation of naval armament and the impending publication of the Navy Estimates, the Admiralty "Return of Fleets" for 1927 appears at an opportune moment. Not only have the lists of British and foreign warships been brought right up to date, but the tabular contents are now arranged in a more compact form, and the strength of each navy in ships, completed and building, as distinct from those that are merely projected, may be measured at a glance.

The Return shows how drastically the capital ship tonnage of the leading fleets has been reduced since the Washington Conference. On the outbreak of war Great Britain alone had forty-two Dreadnoughts ready or under construction. To-day the collective Dreadnoughts of the seven principal navies barely exceed sixty. Only eight battle-cruisers are now in existence, and no ships of this type are building. So far as Dreadnought construction is concerned the "naval holiday" is already an accomplished fact.

Cruisers.

Taking cruisers first, the British Empire is found to have fourteen building, with nine more projected for the period ending with the fiscal year of 1929. If this programme is carried out (and its fate is obviously bound up with that of the present Government) we shall have eventually twenty-three cruisers of the so-called "Treaty" class. The number of similar vessels now being built in the United States, Japan, France, and Italy is eighteen, while twelve others are projected, excluding the ten American ships which the Butler Bill seeks to authorize.

In capital ships we have a numerical margin of two over the United States, though this is rather discounted by the superior tonnage and later design of many of the American units. We have also a definite superiority in aircraft carriers. But in destroyers and submarines we are far below a one-power standard, and in spite of the current building programme, our relative strength in both types of craft continues to decline.

A very formidable mass of submarine tonnage is now afloat and on the stocks. The six leading Powers have already built or laid down 385 submarines, while fifty-nine additional boats are contemplated. There is no trace here of that limitation of submarine strength which is the real crux of the naval disarmament problem. Moreover, the submarine itself exhibits a progressive increase in size, range, and offensive power.

Nelson and Rodney.

In the present return the Admiralty has released some interesting details of the new British warships that will soon be hoisting the pennant. Of these the most important are the two battleships, Nelson and Rodney, which have hitherto been veiled in mystery. They are the first battleships to have geared turbines, designed for an output of 45,000 h.p. and 23 knots. This is a very respectable speed for ships carrying such a ponderous weight of armour and guns. The battery of each vessel is now revealed as nine 16-in. guns, twelve 6-in., six 4.7-in. anti-aircraft pieces, and twenty-eight smaller guns, with torpedo tubes. No other warships afloat will be able to develop such a tremendous volume of fire.

The German navy occupies a by no means insignificant place in the tables. Apart from its older ships, it possesses a brand-new cruiser, the Emden, and has three other ships of this class building, while a fifth is projected. Twelve powerful destroyers are now on the ways. The navy of the Soviet Union also makes an impressive showing on paper, with its long list of battleships and smaller fry, but judging from the footnotes appended to this section the actual fighting value of the "Red" fleet is decidedly problematical.

B.I. VESSEL ASHORE.

London, April 17.
The British India line steamer "Gandara," bound from Hamburg to India, sent a wireless message that she had run aground on the Morocco coast in close proximity to Alcazar.

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ACTIVITIES.

A NEW BASIS FOR OPERATORS.

The latest issue of "Commerce Reports" (the official organ of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce) contains an article by Mr. T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, in which he reviews the situation of the American Merchant Marine. The policy of transferring lines to private ownership progressed, he remarks, with considerable success over a period of three or four years, "until now it has become evident that there are no more purchasers willing to invest their money in foreign-trade shipping under current conditions."

Although a critical period has thus been reached, Mr. O'Connor considers that the past year has renewed the people's interest in keeping the American flag on the seas, "partly because of the practical activities of the Shipping Board," and partly because the facts brought out at the recent inquiries held by the Board in various parts of the country "were a revelation to many of the citizens who attended them." His article continues:-

The practical activities referred to consisted in supplying an extra number of ships for use in export cotton, grain, flour and other commodities which were pressing for shipment at the time the British coal strike stimulated high rates in the American coal export trade. Early in the summer, it will be recalled, the wheat farmers of the Middle West began to harvest a bumper crop of winter wheat. The exportable surplus of this crop was large, and there was plenty of demand for it in Europe; but as high rates in the coal trade had diverted the greater number of ships usually in our grain trade, grain prices tended to sag for want of transportation. As in 1924, the Shipping Board supplied extra tonnage; the neediness of the wheat situation was removed, and our grain and flour moved in orderly fashion to its European consumers. A few months afterwards a similar condition developed in the cotton export trade, and some of the extra vessels are still carrying thousands of bales across the Atlantic.

That the presence of American ships in these crises was a boon to our wheat farmers and cotton planters does not seem open to question. Obviously there was a resultant price saving in amounts totalling many millions. It cost the Government about \$700,000 to put these 92 extra vessels into commission, and the greater number of them made several voyages. Not the least important result, moreover, is the fact that our farmers have been allowed to see that the existence of American ships is as genuinely advantageous to them as to the manufacturers and business men of the coast cities.

Two Lines of Effort.

Looking into the future it would appear the most urgent need of the American merchant marine is the establishment of a programme for the construction of new type merchant vessels capable of being operated in our foreign trade in competition with the fast cargo ships of other flags. Virtually all of our ocean tonnage was designed primarily for emergency transportation of troops and supplies during the war. The ships, particularly the cargo vessels, are of design 10 or more years old, and by no stretch of the imagination can they be considered in class with the fast cargo liners of other nations. We have to-day in the trade routes established by the Shipping Board a nucleus for a merchant marine. This should be something on which to build, and it is hoped that something will be done in the way of new vessel construction before the problem becomes any more acute.

Another thing for which we must strive during the coming year is the development of interest and actual support from our importers and exporters. Should our importers insist on the use of American-flag vessels for the carriage of their goods to this country, there would be no doubt of the future success of our merchant marine. The great bulk of the high-class package freight of American foreign commerce is transported in foreign bottoms. If this were changed our ships could be successful.

These two programmes are admittedly dependent upon each other, and should therefore be pressed with equal energy. Should the American importers and exporters insist on the use of American-flag ships, private capital would very quickly flow into new ship construction. On the other hand, should the new ships be built American goods would be moved to them, for given equal conditions, there is little doubt that American enterprise would be successful in competition with that of any other nation in the world.

Under present conditions in the market for tonnage in this country I am convinced that the Government must continue the operation of its ships. To say that the Government will continue the operation of the ships requires some qualification. Aside from the United States Lines, the Government does not directly control the management of the ships. The actual operation is done by private concerns employed through the Fleet Corporation. These concerns, known as managing

operators, receive compensation on the basis of a percentage of gross revenues. In the past the financial condition of the several lines has had no bearing on the percentage rates at which managing operators are paid. In the future we hope to secure some of the advantages of private operation by making the managing operators' compensation somewhat dependent upon the degree of efficiency with which they run our ships.

The new plan is one by which managing operators whose performances result in the greatest losses will be paid the lowest commission. The maximum losses incurred by the different lines will be computed on the basis of past operations. Minimum commissions will be paid on operations that result in these maximum losses. As operators succeed in reducing their losses, the rate of percentage of commissions paid them will be advanced. Advances will be made for each 10 per cent. reduction of the fixed maximum operating loss per round-trip voyage. Owing to differing local conditions on the respective trade routes maintained by the board, the amount of the fixed maximum loss will necessarily vary, but in each case the schedule will be arranged to give the operator an incentive to run the ships profitably. It is not pretended that this scheme will always assure a profit from the operation of our ships. It is simply the closest we can come to private operation under current conditions, and it should reduce the unit cost of ship operation to the Government.

Prospects for 1927.

At the outset of the new year the prospects for American shipping seem brighter than they did 12 months ago. Better rates are obtainable for trans-Atlantic freight, and American-flag passenger ships are in a stronger position. The general level of ocean freight rates, which was unexpectedly advanced as a result of the British coal strike, does not appear likely to sink as low as it was last spring. The rates now in effect are believed to be fair and reasonable, and their maintenance undoubtedly will be helpful to American shipping. The Shipping Board is prepared to combat rate advances which do not appear justified in the light of current conditions; and any such increases, if proposed by foreign lines, will not for an instant be tolerated by the lines over which the Shipping Board has control.

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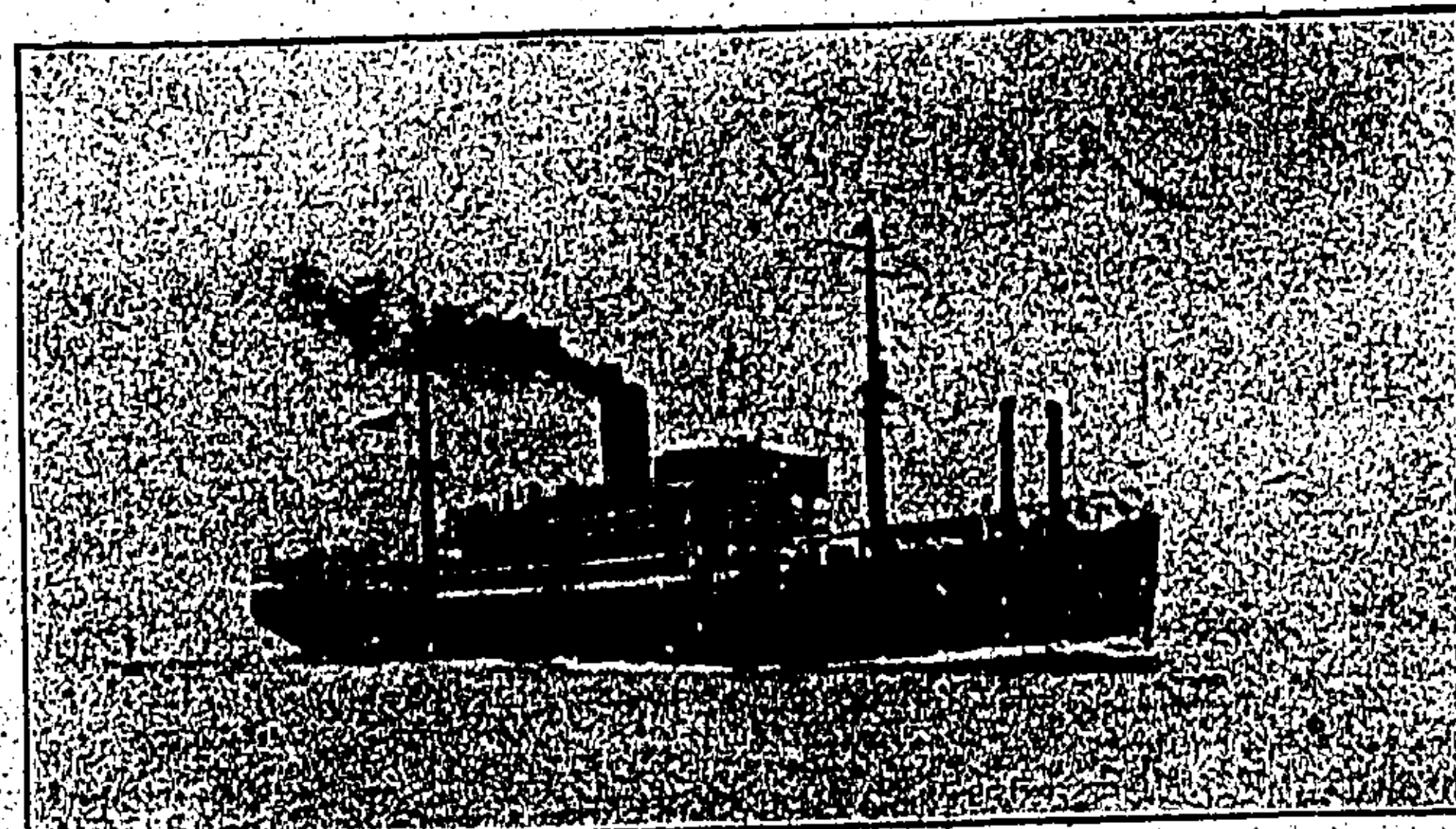
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MR. CHEN'S REPLY.

Did Mr. Eugene Chen really expect the Powers to accept his reply to their Note regarding the Nanking outrages? The question has more than an academic interest—it goes to the very root of the problem. Mr. Chen is a man of sanguine temperament and something of a gambler in the political sense. But for his optimism, coupled with marked personal ability, he could not hold the position he occupies to-day. Thus it is possible he may have deceived himself into believing that he could play a game of wits and win. He may have deceived himself into believing that he could succeed, not only in turning the Powers' protest aside, but in breaking their new found unity. On the other hand Mr. Chen, when he framed his reply, may have had misgivings as to its wisdom. He may even have frankly believed it to be a mistake, alike, perhaps, because he himself saw that it was equivocal, and because, mayhap, he realised it would never be accepted by the Powers. In other words Mr. Chen may have sent his reply under pressure against his better judgment. This pressure could have come from two sources: it could have come from General Chiang Kai-shek or it could have come from the Hankow Communists. General Chiang Kai-shek himself received copies of the Powers' Note, and in an interview in Shanghai said he would hold himself responsible for the events in Nanking. None the less it is unlikely that he has had much to do with the framing of Mr. Chen's reply. For one thing, he announced the other day, speaking as a soldier, that he was leaving foreign affairs to the politicians, and for another, ever since the Nanking outrages, he has had his hands full dealing with his Communist enemies. Consequently it seems safe to assume that the pressure under which Mr. Chen framed his reply did not come from General Chiang Kai-shek. The pressure almost certainly came from the Hankow Reds. Presumably this fact has not been overlooked by the Governments of the five Powers concerned. Determined as they have been from the outset to exact reparation, they will

be adamant now. The Nanking outrages were serious enough as it was without being used for the purposes of the basest intrigue. Consequently the new Note which we are told to-day the Powers are now preparing is likely to be one that will brook no quibbling. If Mr. Chen's first reply was merely a personal effusion, the new Note will let him see that he has badly overreached himself. If the reply was dictated by the Reds, the new Note will let the Moscow gang in Hankow see that their game is up at last. Whichever it is, the new Note, by removing all doubts as to the Powers' intentions, can only have the best results.

A Danger.

Mr. Rodney Gilbert is frankly sceptical of the ability of the Chinese to preserve peace and order in any part of their country. The serious Nationalist reverses on the Yangtze, he says, should not lull foreigners in Shanghai into a false sense of security. With this view most people will agree. There must be nothing in the nature of a "toning down" of the foreign attitude, notwithstanding the "new broom" in Canton and at other places under the immediate domination of General Chiang Kai-shek. If an honest attempt is being made, either apart from or in conjunction with political reasons, to rid the country of the Reds, time must necessarily be required to re-establish law and order. This, however, cannot be taken to imply the withdrawal of one unit in the British and other foreign forces in Shanghai. Their primary duty is the protection of foreign subjects. That duty shall continue to be performed until such time as the Chinese—whether Nationalists or North-erners matters not—are in an unassailable position to relieve foreign troops of a responsibility that ought never to have been thrust on them. Mere assurances have been proven in the past to be worth nothing. Therefore, it is not easy to imagine the foreign Powers, or the foreign civil population in Shanghai, being lulled into a sense of false security, as Mr. Rodney Gilbert fears. So far as concerns the British, the Home Government has not failed us so far, and it is not in the least degree likely to fail us now or hereafter, especially when it has secured the much desired unity of all the Powers in the matter of defending foreigners in Shanghai and other Treaty ports.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MILITARY BANDS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—The public is greatly appreciating the various performances by the military bands at the Queen's and Star Theatres. Here in Kowloon especially the appearances at the Star of the "Cameronians" Band is being very favourably commented upon.
As a mother, however, I find that it is very inconvenient to attend the 9.15 performances, declining to leave my "kiddies" in charge of an irresponsible amah under notice to leave. And still I would like to hear the Band at the Star.
It might be possible, once in a way, to arrange for the Band appearing at an earlier performance, say 5.15 or 7.15, and so meet the convenience of those unable to go to the 9.15 show.
Yours etc.
MUSIC LOVER.
Kowloon, April 19.

CHAPEL FIGHT.

Women and Children Killed.

PLACED IN FRONT LINE.

Shanghai, April 14.
Close to 30 persons, many of them, women and children, were killed and more than double that number wounded in two battles which took place yesterday afternoon in Chapel between armed labourers and details of uniformed and civilian soldiers.
The most spectacular of these battles was fought at the entrance to the headquarters of General Chow Feng-chi, (who lives in the French Concession) and commands the only brigade of Nationalist soldiers who were once troops in the Chekiang Army and who went over after Sun Chuan-fang was deposed.

Close to a thousand of the armed labourers who have been up in arms since their positions were raided by the conservatives on Tuesday morning started for the headquarters, not far from the Commercial Press building during the early afternoon and arrived at the gates shortly before 4 o'clock.

Women and Children in Front.

The aim of the agitators was to get back their arms which had been taken from them. Knowing that they would be shot down in cold blood should the men attempt to rush the stronghold, they put in front of them their women and children, thinking that the soldiers would not fire.
They were miserably deceived for, when within a few yards of the gates, an order was given to fire and, it is said, close to 20 of the attackers, mostly the women and children in the front ranks, fell dead.

Only one volley was needed to put the attackers to rout. The crowd melted away as if by magic and left the scene with the dead and wounded lying on the cobblestones of the native street. It is reported that the labourers were not armed with rifles and pistols, but were a group of the new organisation known as the "hatchet brigade" which has been formed to carry on the work of the armed civilians, now unarmed. They were a part of the group of 20,000 demonstrators who had held a mass meeting on the previous night and marched to the Huchow Guild where the new brigade was inaugurated.

Commercial Press Besieged.

The other incident of the day occurred at the Commercial Press Works in Paoshan Road about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. There some 500 men, women and children, whom the military have been unable to extract from the building, were besieged by the soldiers. The Nationalist soldiers, both uniformed and civilians, having surrounded the building previously started an attack by sniping from the buildings nearby in which they had secreted themselves.

For 20 minutes a most realistic battle took place; those inside the building replying with several bursts of machine-gun fire and a heavy fusillade of rifle and pistol fire.
After the smoke of battle had cleared foreign observers estimated that at least six of the attackers were killed while the number killed inside the building is unknown. However, it is thought that there have been several casualties.

Up to a late hour last night it was reported that the armed labourers were still in possession of the Commercial Press.—"North China Daily News."

"STOLE IN DESPAIR"

One month's hard labour was the sentence passed by Major Willson this morning on a young Chinese described as a jeweller's apprentice who was convicted of the theft of seven pieces of gold from the property of his master.
Accused, who admitted the charge, said he was badly treated by his master and in despair stole the gold to raise money for his passage back to the country.
According to the police two pieces of the gold were actually pawned by accused, which the remaining five were found on his person.

A NIGHT IN JAIL.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. Lindell this morning with assault, Sgt. Rossetty said the complainant, who was the accused's brother, was not in Court. The accused quarrelled with his wife yesterday, his brother interfered on the wife's behalf and accused assaulted the brother. The brother had had accused arrested, and not having money for bail, the accused had spent the night in jail.
Having ascertained that the assault was not serious the Magistrate discharged the accused.

WOMEN ROBBED.

HOUSE ENTERED IN DAYLIGHT.

JEWELLERY STOLEN.

Two Chinese were charged at the Criminal Sessions this morning (before Mr. Justice Wood) with complicity in a daylight robbery from a house in Bridges Street.
The robbery in respect of which the prisoners were charged took place in broad daylight, shortly after noon on the 12th ult. Three women were in the flat in question alone at the time, the husband of one having left to get medicine because she was sick.
Shortly after the man in question had left, it was stated in evidence this morning, there was a knock on the door, and on the women calling out who was there, the persons knocking stated that they had been sent by the husband to attend to the sick woman.

Three Men Enter.
The door was opened and three men, the leader of whom was armed with a revolver, entered the house, threatened the women and robbed them of bangles and rings on their persons, locking them in a room, threatening them with injury if they raised the alarm and departing before the return of the husband of the sick woman.

The evidence against the two prisoners rested entirely on their identification by the women who were robbed, said Mr. H. K. Holmes, prosecuting for the Crown. All three women had picked out the first prisoner from a parade as one of the men who had participated in the robbery. Two of them had picked out the second man.

There was no direct evidence against the men, it was explained. The Police had gone on board the "Kinshan," acting on information, and had arrested the first prisoner who, on seeing the Police, had thrown overboard a packet which on being recovered by the police was found to contain \$30 in notes.

The second man was also arrested on receipt of information, the arrest being made at the Jung Yan Club in Queen's Road, a Club from which it would be proved, said the Crown Solicitor, that they had both left about the same time on the day of the robbery.

Hotel Employee?

Statements by the accused, who both pleaded not guilty, were read. They both denied knowledge of the robbery or participation in it, both putting up alibis and one stating that he was only in Hong Kong waiting for the Queen's Hotel to be opened as he was on the list for a position as a servant.

The second prisoner was identified by one of the women as the man who had taken her bangles from her and witness said that she remembered him particularly because of a mark above his lip. One other woman witness identified the second prisoner.

The prisoner was told to leave the dock and His Lordship and the jury examined the man's lip and found the mark in question. The first prisoner was identified by all the women as the man who had entered first and carried a revolver.

The case is proceeding.

"ALL IS NOT GOLD."

CHINESE WOMAN'S PRETTY FRAUDS.

A Chinese woman was this morning sentenced by Mr. Lindell to three months' jail for having pawned a rolled gold lead hair pin for \$7 by representing it to be solid gold. She also gave a wrong name and address to a Shaikwan pawn broker. Emboldened by her success accused went to another pawn shop in the vicinity and attempted to pawn a similar pin for \$6. She would have succeeded had she not shown over eagerness to receive the money. This led the pawn broker to bore a hole in the pin and the fraud was discovered. After her arrest a third pin was found on accused's person. These pins were valued by one of the prosecuting pawn brokers at a little over a dollar each.

As the result of a quarrel at No. 36, Catchick Street, yesterday, a Chinese was badly injured in the head and had to go to the hospital for treatment.

Falling down a flight of steps in Chun-Sing Street, while under the influence of liquor, a Chinese yesterday suffered injuries which had to be treated in hospital.

Knocked down in Queen's Road West by a motor cycle ridden by Mr. A. Hamid, a Chinese boy was yesterday taken to the hospital suffering from injuries to his head and legs.

PEKING RAID.

Soviet Charge d'Affaires Leaving.

PROTEST TAKEN CALMLY.

Peking, April 12.

The Soviet Charge d'Affaires and his staff are expected to leave Peking on Friday. The Soviet Note has caused very little excitement in Peking. The Ankuochun and the Government were seriously considering handing the members of the Soviet Embassy their passports in view of the alleged discoveries during the raid; hence the Soviet's decision has saved them the trouble of so doing.—Reuter.

No Reply To Be Made.
Though the high officers of the Ankuochun General Headquarters regard the Soviet Memorandum declaring severance of diplomatic relations with Peking as a threatening gesture, it appears that they are prepared for possible complications. Criticizing the demands contained in the Soviet Memorandum, the Ankuochun leaders say that that is nothing but what they call the "brunon-facedness of the guilty." They state:—"At the search of the Embassy premises was a reasonable step in order to prevent red activities and disturbance of peace and order in the Capital, we can by no means accede to any of the demands contained in the Memorandum. The search of the Embassy buildings will continue, and we cannot withdraw the search from the place until the search has thoroughly been made. Some of the Soviet demands are utterly unfounded and they are out of question. As things are, we do not find it necessary to reply to the Memorandum."

Exchanges Views.
Mr. Wu Chen-tung, the Chief of the Department of Foreign Affairs attached to the Ankuochun General Headquarters stated that he would make a round of calls on various foreign Ministers tomorrow to exchange views with them on the Soviet Note.

Interviewed by a representative of the Toho News Agency to-day, Mr. Yang Yin-tai, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, on behalf of Dr. Wellington Koo, stated:—"The Memorandum of the Soviet Government was handed to Mr. Cheng Yen-hsi, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires at Moscow, yesterday. The Memorandum, in a word, states that the Soviet Government considers itself bound to recall from Peking its Charge d'Affaires and all other members of the Embassy staff pending a satisfactory solution of the affair."

Dr. Wellington Koo is expected to have an interview with Marshal Chang Tso-lin in order to consider measures to be taken in connection with the affair. As the Soviet Government intends to leave its Consuls in various parts of China as they are, we do not construe the Soviet as what they call severance of diplomatic relations.

Soviet Demands.
"In my opinion, the Soviet Government has taken such an attitude in order to realize its demands, but it is conceivable on the other hand that the Soviet Government, finding it difficult to deal with the affair even if its Charge d'Affaires were to remain in Peking, has finally determined to take such a step."

Upon receipt of the Soviet Memorandum declaring severance of diplomatic relations with Peking, leaders of the Ankuochun met in conference this morning.
It is learned that Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Commander-in-Chief of the Ankuochun, has given strict orders to the Chinese authorities concerned to refuse the Soviet demands, while General Yang Yuting, Marshal Chang's Chief of Staff, has decided to leave here for Mukden in a day or two in order to prepare for any sudden change of the situation.

To Recall Envoy.

It is understood that the Peking Government has decided to issue recall orders to Mr. Cheng Yen-hsi, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires at Moscow as soon as the Soviet Charge d'Affaires has left here. But the Peking Government has not issued the recall orders so far.—Toho.

BROKEN SPINE.

ASSAULT CHARGE FOLLOWS QUARREL.

A quarrel over a pair of slippers led to a Chinese assaulting another in a boarding house in Cadogan Street, West Point. The victim was taken to the hospital but at first his injuries were not considered serious and his assailant was allowed bail in the sum of \$30. Now the injured man is medically certified to have suffered a broken spine and fractured neck. The police immediately sought out the accused and again took him into custody.
Yesterday he was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with having caused grievous bodily harm. Inspector Grant said the injuries were caused by the victim falling down the stairs after accused had slapped him in the face.
The Magistrate remanded accused for a week, allowing bail in the sum of \$100.

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MR. CHEN'S REPLY.

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Many of the more far-seeing Chinese, however, had realised for some time past that the Bolsheviks efforts might lead to the ruin of their country. The military leaders of the Kuomintang had how perceived that the agitation of the extremist labour unions had completely undermined discipline.

Sir Francis Aglen continued: "It will be created again if an examination of Bolshevik influence is brought about by the Chinese themselves. It might then be possible to prevent those acts of violence which are instigated by the extremists, and which make it necessary for the foreign Powers to take exceptional measures to protect their nationals."

With the removal of the extremist few from power the way would be clear for the re-establishment of normal and friendly relations between foreigners and all sections of the Chinese people.—British Wireless Service.

LABOUR POLLY.

Ignorance and Prejudice At Home.

London, April 18. A conference of the Independent Labour Party at Leicester passed a resolution protesting against British military measures in China, calling for the withdrawal of the armed forces and an impartial inquiry into the occurrences at Nanking, protesting against the sending of Indian troops to China "against the wishes of the Indian people," and pledging the conference to refuse all war services, including the manufacture and transport of munitions in the event of war.

Mr. Shinnell described the last-named proposal as beating the air, asking the engineers, dockers and railwaymen to do what the trade unionists at present were not prepared to do.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Sir Francis Aglen on the Future.

London, April 18. Undoubtedly all sections of the community are united in desiring to abolish the privileged position of the foreigner, declared Sir Francis Aglen who was interviewed by Reuter on his return from Peking. Such a national feeling cannot be ignored, it has "simply got to be recognised."

He added that recent reports, however, indicate that a considerable section of the Chinese people is beginning to realise that the policy hitherto pursued under Russian direction is fraught with danger to the country.

It is sincerely hoped that the present movement will bring into being a really stable government as the present civil strife is doing untold harm.

All sensible Chinese are well aware of that fact and until there is a responsible authority with which the foreign Powers can negotiate, there is no hope for the commercial prosperity of the country.

Stronger Note Urged. The "Daily Telegraph," in a leader on the subject of Eugene Chen's Note, wherein it speaks of the calculated insult to the intelligence of the Powers, says that the foreign Ministers at Peking are agreed that the situation requires the despatch of a much stronger statement of the Powers' requirements and intentions, and this would seem to involve the fixing of a time limit for the giving of satisfaction to the demands.

Simultaneously the naval authorities along the Yangtze River have been instructed to prepare a scheme to enforce the penalties in the event of satisfaction being again refused.

It adds that what is not in doubt is the intention of Britain to secure the necessary redress—either by co-operation with others, if not by taking her own measures.—Reuter.

Gunboat Shelled. Shanghai, April 18. A wireless message from Nanking states that three four-inch guns on Lion Hill, Nanking, are bombarding Pukow. The United States destroyer "Ford" was hit by rifle fire from Nanking.

The Chinese gunboat "Chintai," one of the 750 tons class, and flying the Rear-Admiral's flag, was hit by a six inch shell from the north bank of the river near Chinkiang. The shell struck the hull below the bridge, passing right through without bursting and making a hole three feet in diameter. The gunboat has been beached.—Reuter.

Missionary Exodus. Shanghai, April 18. The present Easter tide will long be remembered for the re-

WAR NEWS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

South Evacuating Pukow.

A spectacular engagement at Pukow between the "Nationalist" and Northern batteries, north of Pukow is reported from several reliable sources.

The Southerners are slowly but steadily evacuating Pukow under cover of a naval barrage and the last of them are probably, at this writing, safe in Nanking. Well informed local Chinese are very certain that Pukow, when taken by the Shantung men, will be the southern limit of General Chang Tsung-chang's operations.

It is said with assurance that his two fatal ventures south of the Yangtze have cost him so much in prestige and material supplies and have netted him so little, that he has readily agreed with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang not to operate south of the Yangtze.

Strategy of 1913.

It is presumed that, if he takes Pukow, he will worry the Nanking defenders as Feng Kuo-cheng did Huang Hsin in 1913, by shelling such fortified positions as are within range, until Sun Chuan-fang is ready to come up river along the railway, as Chang Tsung-chang did and attack the city from the hills.

The same local strategists—northern adherents of course—say that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's army is now in excellent form and is as well equipped as it was when withdrawn from this area. Not only were all supplies transported north of the Yangtze in the course of the retreat but essential parts of the arsenal machinery as well were carried away, according to these informants.

Wu Pei-fu's Campaign.

It would surprise none of the local Northern sympathizers if General Chiang Kai-shek, finding himself betrayed by his Communist subordinates, were to join the Northerners and assist in ridding this area of all those who take orders from Hankow.

Wireless messages from Hankow seem to confirm the report that Wu Pei-fu is in command of an allied army that has cleared Honan of Southern troops and that he is in possession of the Wu-sheng-kuan pass, between which and Hankow there are no natural barriers.

It is further related, however, that a strong "Nationalist" force, made up of half the available troops in the Wu-Han area has set out to invade Honan and strike at Wu Pei-fu's rear by a most circuitous route through Anhui.

Strength Exaggerated.

The strength of this army is said to be 60,000, which is manifestly an exaggeration. It is said to have moved north-eastwards to Macheng, then forward in the same direction into Anhui with the Yingchow pass as its objective. From Yingchow a highway runs north-west to Chow-kin-kow, whence an invading force might make a dash at Yencheng and cut the Peking-Hankow railway, or move northwards upon Kaifeng.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu's local agents profess to have read the first report of his resumption of command in the local papers yesterday. They say that it is quite true that General Chang Tsung-chang (son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin) has returned to Peking to recover from an alleged sickness, but that Wu Pei-fu, when last heard from, was living near Tai-yuan-fu and had refused flatly to take command in Honan. They are as interested as all other residents in finding out what can have transpired in Honan to bring Wu Pei-fu into the field again.—N. C. Daily News.

THREAT ON FLANK.

Are Northerners Retiring From Pukow?

Shanghai, April 15. News of the northern invasion of the Yangtze continues to be nebulous, but indirect reports of the events of the last 48 hours are of a surprising character.

Reports reached Shanghai yesterday morning through a foreign medium that a complete Northern evacuation of all the positions won during the past week was under way. According to these reports, which could not be officially confirmed last night, Sun Chuan-fang had withdrawn his entire force to Yangchow while Chang Tsung-chang had again moved his army back from Pukow to Pongpu.

The current explanation is that a flanking movement, carried out in Anhui by the Nationalist General, Chen Tiao-yuan, suddenly threatened Pongpu and the rear of Chang Tsung-chang's army, thereby forcing a retreat, which in turn prompted Sun Chuan-fang to draw in his advance units.—N. C. Daily News.

son that more than eighty per cent. of the six thousand Protestant missionaries in China at the beginning of the year have now departed. Those remaining are mostly in the Treaty ports. The exact number of Catholic missionaries who still remain has not been determined but it is known that they have been driven out in large numbers by the Communists.—Reuter.

TRADES UNION.

Important Government Measure.

GENERAL STRIKES ILLEGAL.

Rugby, April 18.

The most important measure which will come before Parliament after Easter will be the Government's Trade Union Bill. It is probable, says the "Times," that the vote on the second reading of the Bill will take place on May 4, the anniversary of the beginning of last year's general strike which was directly responsible for the production of the Bill.

After the second reading it is clear that there will be a large number of amendments.

A determined effort will be made so to amend the wording of the Bill that it will apply both to strikes and lockouts, and there is little doubt, adds the "Times," that the Government will be prepared to accept amendments on these lines.

In a letter addressed to Mr. John Buchan Conservative candidate in the by-election for the Scottish Universities, Mr. Stanley Baldwin declares: "The campaign of misrepresentation of the Bill by our political opponents has already begun."

"The Bill aims at restoration to the individual trades unionist of freedom from victimisation, intimidation and unjustifiable pressure to contribute to political funds with objects of which he may be out of sympathy."

"The Bill is designed to make clear beyond all possibility of doubt the illegality of such an attempt as the general strike to coerce the Government and the nation."

"It does not, as alleged, render illegal a strike which is not designed or calculated to coerce the Government or intimidate the community."—British Wireless Service.

FOUND ON BEACH.

CHARMS THAT BROUGHT NO LUCK.

Two Chinese youths were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the unlawful possession of two small charms, one of which was described by the police as a solid gold Indian Buddha worth \$26.

First accused, who was arrested with the charms in his possession, said they were given to him by No. 2 to pawn.

This was admitted by second, accused who said he picked up the charms on the beach while bathing at Telegraph Bay.

The Magistrate inquired why No. 2 did not pawn the things himself.

No. 2 accused: I said they were made of brass and he said it was gold so I told him to try to pawn them.

First accused was given fourteen days' jail and second accused three weeks.

CRICKETER'S LOSSES.

London, March 23.

The Worcestershire bowler, C. F. Root, has been granted a discharge from bankruptcy, at Dudley, on the payment of a sum enabling his creditors to receive a final dividend of 1s. 10d. in the pound.

Root gave a £100 War Loan presented to him by the Worcestershire cricketers and was also willing to give up a gold presentation watch.

It was stated that Root had not made profit on the South African or West Indies tours. The cricketers had to pay a shilling a bottle for drinking-water in the West Indies. The judge remarked it is cheaper to drink beer.

SINCLAIR SENTENCE POSTPONED.

Washington, D.C., April 10.

The sentencing of Harry Sinclair for contempt of the United States Senate has been postponed thirty days.

Sinclair's difficulties with the Senate arose out of testimony he was asked to give the investigating committee in the oil-scandal inquiry.

NEW PRAYER BOOK.

London, March 30.

The Church of England Bishops, in convocation, passed a resolution forwarding the revised Prayer Book to the National Assembly for final approval.

The voting for Canterbury Province showed 21 in favour and four against the revised volume.

A resolution moved on behalf of York Province gave unanimous affirmation.

The Lower Houses, in convocation, concurred by overwhelming majorities.

MILITARY DEATH PENALTY.

London, March 30.

The House of Commons, by 269 votes to 134, rejected a Labour proposal to abolish the death penalty for military offences in war time, involving cowardice, treachery, or desertion to the enemy.

AT THE STAR.

"THE OLD SOAK" TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.

In this screen version of Don Marquis's famous play which ran two years in New York no dogmatic position on the liquor problem is taken by the director. Not once were we conscious of any attempt to point out glaring evils of drinking. And, on the other hand, we did not see any propaganda of either a wet or a dry nature.

Jean Hersholt, in his first starring role, gives an excellent interpretation of an old man who has been addicted to liquor all his life. Trouble occurs in the family and the old man proves his integrity of character by shouldering the blame to save his son.

The picture is admirably directed by Edward Sloman, the man who made that screen masterpiece, "His People." Here, however, in "The Old Soak," we have a picture of infinitely more appeal. This picture is made for everybody and is an especially timely feature, touching on the prohibition question as it does.

Too much praise cannot be given the juvenile leads of the picture, George Lewis and June Marlowe. For youngsters they give delineations that would do credit to old troupers.

As the mother, Lucy Beaumont adds an ineffable touch of sweetness, while Louise Fazenda is as rollickingly funny as she is expected to be.

"AT THE QUEEN'S."

"POKER FACES" TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.

"Poker Faces" features Edward Everett Horton and Laura La Plante who are noted for their deft comedy touches in preceding pictures and again work together to a spectacularly humorous climax.

The picture is undoubtedly one of the happiest entertainments that has been offered recently. The story consists of a series of well timed complicated situations so necessary to comedy and so beloved by laugh fans.

The story might have been given to a director other than Harry Pollard. It would have been funny played straight. But given to Pollard it proves to be an hilarious 90 minutes entertainment.

All the famous Pollard touches appear in the picture. In a tense comedy of this sort even a flicker of an eyelash can draw a laugh.

The movement of a hand or a fleeting thought in the actors' mind, brings gales of laughter. That is the sort of direction that makes a picture a tremendous success—and "Poker Faces" is all of that.

The excellent supporting cast includes George Siegmann, Tom Ricketts, Tom O'Brien and Dorothy Revier.

ISAKO'S CIRCUS AGAIN.

Isako's Circus is to pay a return visit to Hong Kong, this time at Hungkum.

After a successful visit here in the winter, the circus stayed several months in Canton.

In addition to the "old friends" who will be coming back, there will also be number of new artistes in the circus.

Further details will be announced later.

"Excuse me, but it seems to me that I must have met you before. Are you not a brother or a near relative of Major Gibbs?"

"No, I am Major Gibbs' himself."

"Ah, indeed, that explains the remarkable resemblance."

WORLD THEATRE.

"STORY WITHOUT A NAME" TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.

"The Story Without a Name," by Irvin Willat for Paramount, with Agnes Ayres and Antonio Moreno featured in the principal roles, will be shown at the World.

The story, by Arthur Stringer, first appeared as a Radio-Prize Title story in "Photoplay Magazine." Victor Irvin wrote the screen play.

It tells of a young inventor, working for the U.S. Government, who has just perfected a "death ray" machine, an invention destined to revolutionize modern warfare. The instrument has been successfully tested, and the scientist is making preparations for his departure for Washington to turn over the machine to the proper officials when something absolutely unlooked for happens.

Playing in support of the leading players is an unusually capable cast of prominent players which includes Tyrone Power, Dagmar Godelowsky, Maurice Costello, Jack Bohn, Louis Wolheim, and Ivan Linow.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 19—Queen's Theatre: "Poker Faces."

April 19—World Theatre: "The Story Without a Name."

April 19—Star Theatre: "The Old Soak."

April 19—Second dance of the Hong Kong Dance Club, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

April 20—H.M.S. "Frobisher's" dance at Hotel Savoy, 8.30 p.m.

April 21—Dance in the Gymnasium at Police Headquarters, commencing 8 p.m.

April 22—Concert for Service men at the "Cheer O," Y.M.C.A., Chater Road.

Sports.

April 20—Seventh bi-annual race for the "Trevessa" Trophy, commencing 4 p.m.

April 21—Eleventh annual meeting of St. Joseph's College, H.K.F.C. Ground, Happy Valley.

Meetings.

April 19—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

April 19—Adjourned meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild (Hong Kong branch) 67, Des Voeux Road, Central, 5 p.m.

April 21—Second Meeting of China Light & Power Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

April 22—Telephone Co.'s second annual meeting, at Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

April 25—Meeting of all Company Commanders and Officers at p.m. Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m. to discuss future training programme of the H.K.V.D. Corps.

Lammer's Auctions.

April 20—At No. 30 Ashley Rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

April 21—Knitting machines, Odol and Cameras, Sales Room, 11 a.m.

April 21—Valuable household furniture, 10; Knutsford Terrace, 2.45 p.m.

April 22—Ladies' Novelties, etc., Sales Room, Duddell St., 11 a.m.

April 20—Great Methodist Rally at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai, commencing at 6 p.m.

April 22—Practical demonstration on "Home Nursing" Matilda Hospital, 8.30 p.m.

April 25—Public lecture at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m. Speaker: Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

May 3—Quarry Bay School holds spring festival, 11 a.m. Launch for visitors leaves Murray Pier 10.20 a.m.

May 7—Annual dinner of the Hong Kong Football Club, Hotel Savoy, 8 p.m.

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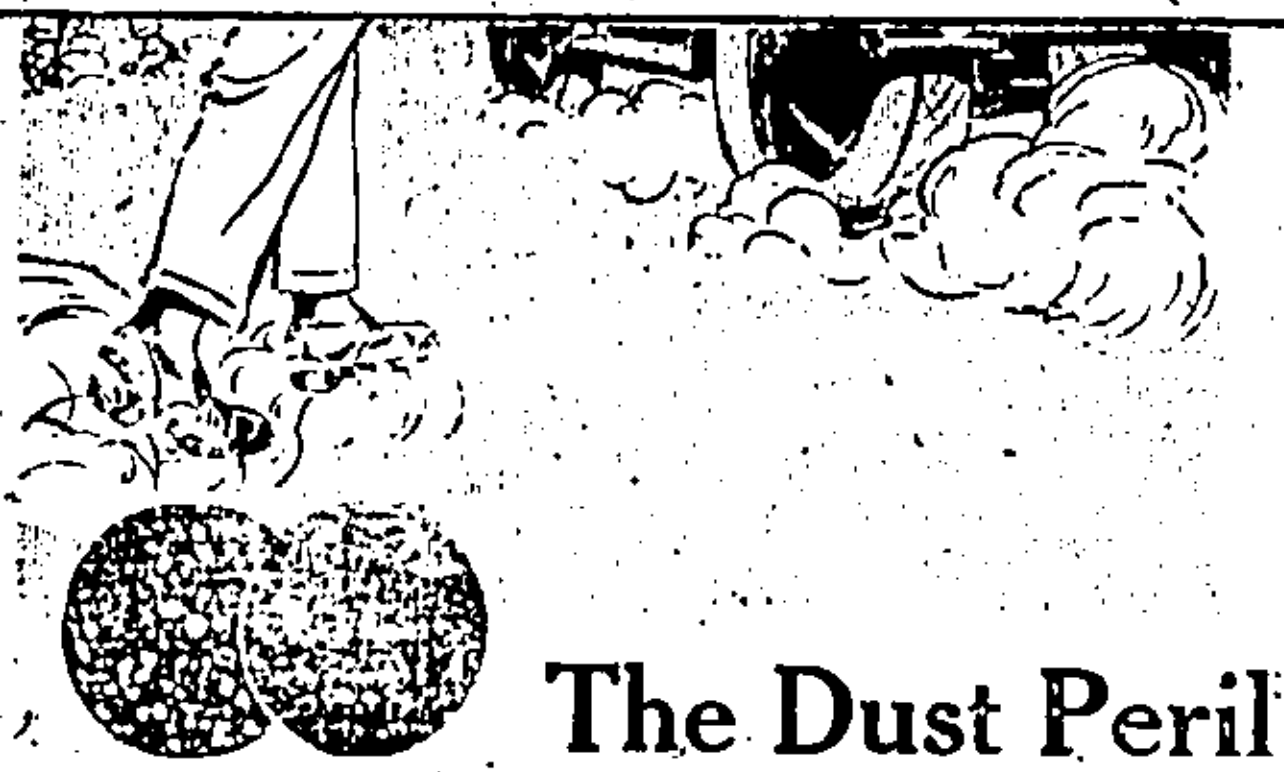
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

To-day is Primrose Day, with which the memory of Lord Beaconsfield is associated.

At the Hotel Savoy to-morrow evening, the ship's company of H.M.S. "Frobisher" are holding a ball.

Reminder: Local Methodist Rally to-morrow at Hong Kong Wesleyan Church (Queen's Road East, opposite Royal Naval Hospital, Wanchai). Tea at 6 p.m.; public meeting 7 p.m.

The bi-annual "Trevessa" Trophy race for ship's lifeboats, always an interesting event for both the shipping and general community, is to be decided to-morrow under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The following artistes will appear at the concert for Service men to be given at the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A., Chater Road, on April 29:—Mrs. H. Balaun-Mrs. G. Watt, Mrs. G. Griggs, Mr. H. Glover, Mr. S. Hamer and Mr. G. E. Longyear.

During the five days from last Thursday to Easter Monday, only four cases of notifiable disease in the Colony were reported to the Medical Officer of Health. All four patients were Chinese, with enteric fever (typhoid), three being from the city registration district and the other from the New Territories.

The "Straits Times" (Singapore) last week had a visit from Mr. Edmund Zscheile, a German actor and poet, who is making a walking tour round the world for the purpose of propagating Esperanto as the international language. He left Leipzig in August 1923 and has travelled throughout Europe, India, China and Japan and hopes to be back in Germany in 1930.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, headmaster of Harrow, described corporal punishment as "by far the most merciful for the English boy," in an address to members of the Indian Students' Hostel in London on "English Public School Life and Character." "It does not take time," he added, "and it does not cause any resentment." Corporal punishment existed in all public schools to-day with few exceptions. Fighting, he said, which was such a feature of public school life a generation or two ago, had now "entirely disappeared."

A large number of parents and friends of the St. Andrew's Troop of Boy Scouts attended the annual display and exhibition of Scout craft given at the Church Hall last night. The Scouts demonstrated the various branches of activity in which they qualify for various badges; the programme including gymnastics, the building of miniature erections used in scouting, the singing of Scout songs, etc. The efficient manner in which the various demonstrations were carried out, reflects considerable credit on their Scoutmaster, Mr. T. E. Jackson. During the evening a collection was taken for troop funds.

At an inquest in Rochdale on Beatrice Wilcock, a 10-year-old school-girl, who died suddenly, six causes of death were given by the police surgeon. They were:—

Acute influenza.
Acute tonsillitis.
Acute inflammation of the stomach.
Inflammation of the thyroid gland.
Persistent thymus and cardiac trouble.

It was stated by the father that the girl had appeared to be perfectly healthy and normal, and had never required a doctor in her life. She had showed no signs of illness.

It would be interesting to know exactly what the views of the Nationalists, and Mr. Eugene Chen, are as regards Britain's trade with China, remarks the "Straits Times." From the Cantonese propaganda and Nationalists' speeches we gather that they greatly over-rate this. We can assure those Chinese who regard the boycott of British trade as an overwhelming weapon destined to bring ruin upon the British people that Britain's trade with China is merely a flea-bite compared with Britain's trade with the world. To be exact it only constitutes .009 per cent. Taking 1925 figures, the only ones available for the purpose, Britain's trade with the world at large was \$2,600,000,000. The total trade, import and export, with China for the same period was under \$16,000,000. This, in comparison, is a ridiculous figure for the Chinese to aim their poisoned arrows at. What Britain's trade with China might be under a peaceful regime is another matter. But if China wishes to benefit by such, the people generally must adopt a different attitude to the futile one now prevalent among them.

For the first time in the history of the crypt, at the House of Commons Gaelic was used in mail week in ceremonial form. This was during the baptism of Aidan, the infant son of Mr. Mackenzie Livingstone, M.P., the 127th Psalm being sung in that language in the course of the choral service. There were about 100 M.P.'s present, representing all parties. They included the Secretary for Scotland (Sir John Gilmour), Mr. J. F. Hope (Deputy Speaker), Sir Robert Hutchison (Liberal Chief Whip) and Sir Godfrey Collins. The Rev. George L. Brander, of Highgate, baptised the child, and other ministers who took part in the service were the Rev. Neil Ross, of Laggan, and the Rev. James Barr, a Labour M.P.

"A father has the right to choose his child's religion and everything else, and if his wife does not like the decision she must ask the court to decide between them," said Mr. Hay Halkett, the Marylebone magistrate. A city merchant said he wanted to send his 7-years-old son to a boarding school, but his wife objected. Mr. Halkett: You ask for a summons under the Guardianship of Infants Act, but you cannot have it. That is a ridiculous Act and places everything in the woman's hands. But you are the sole guardian at present. Send him to school if you want to; don't pay any attention to her. If she wants to challenge your right she can do so under the Act, but at present you can do as you like. You are master.

Mr. George B. Mackessack, of Ardgry, ex-Convenor of Morayshire, on the occasion of completing his jubilee as a member, was a guest at the annual dinner at Elgin of Moray Farmers' Club. In his early days, he said, there were no fewer than thirteen large flour mills doing business in the North of Scotland; now they had almost vanished. The public of to-day were not eating so much oatmeal. That was a pity, because oatmeal gave brawn, muscle, and brain. To-day people went in more for loaf bread, sweet comestibles, and cigarette smoking. "How on earth," exclaimed Mr. Mackessack, "can we expect to rear a strong, healthy race in that way?"

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. J. H. Greene, Shanghai manager of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, is attending a conference in Tokyo concerning transportation to Europe, via Siberia and Russia.

Among the passengers on the N.Y.K. "Korea Maru" which left Hong Kong yesterday for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco were Miss H. Gourdin, Rev. and Mrs. T. B. McMillan, Rev. and Mrs. Weidemann, Dr. Bittner.

Passengers on the N.Y.K. "Hakone Maru," which arrived from Singapore and has left for Shanghai and Japan included Baron and Baroness A. Matsui, Colonel S. Iida, Colonel and Mrs. A. Samba, Major K. Abe, Commander T. Mogi, Dr. H. Odier, Dr. W. R. Soutter.

The Prince of Wales on March 29 played a game of "touch" with a boy aged four years who began by hurling a book at the Prince, in Belgrave Hospital for children, in London. Another little boy gave the Prince a 45 not for the Hospital, which his father gave him in gratitude for his cure.

I believe, says a writer in a Home paper, that Mr. Eugene Chen's son and daughter, who joined him in China, are still with him, though Mr. Percy Acham Chen is credited with a desire to return to his home in Trinidad, where he found the brutal yoke of British Imperialism rather more pleasant than the freedom of a Bolshevized China. Both Percy Chen, who was educated in England, and his sister Sylvia are completely Anglicised. Percy, who had the reputation like most of the Chinese community of being perfectly straight in business, was a practising barrister in Trinidad, and in his spare time a clever Rugby player. Miss Sylvia Chen, petite and graceful, was accounted the best amateur stage dancer on the island, and is a talented actress as well as a good horsewoman. Before he appeared in the role of Chinese patriot, Mr. Eugene Chen was a solicitor in Trinidad. While in the island he never seemed to mix very well with his own people; but in China he has done far better.

About 30 guests were invited by Lord and Lady Astor to meet the King and Queen, who dined with them at 4, St. James's Square.

Viscount Bearsted and Mr. W. H. Shelford have been elected directors of the Alliance Assurance Co. in the place of the late Viscount Bearsted and Mr. H. Melvill Simons. Mr. Shelford, like the late Mr. Melvill Simons, is a director of Paterson, Simons and Co. He was formerly resident in Singapore and for some time a member of the Legislative Council, where he distinguished himself by his grasp of commercial questions and his independent attitude.

Mr. Ivor Novello has been working—acting and filming—for about 14 hours a day for some time past, and his doctor has now told him that he has overdone it and that he must stop. "But I must somehow carry on with 'The Rat' (the play at the Prince of Wales Theatre) for another three weeks and with 'Down Hill' (a film in which he is taking part) for another week," Mr. Novello said in mail week. "I am medically forbidden to film and act simultaneously for at least six months."

The death has occurred in Brisbane, after a serious illness extending over several months of the Rev. Dr. Henry Youngman, one of the outstanding figures of the Methodist Church in Australia. The deceased, who was born in England in 1848, went to New South Wales with his parents as a boy, and after a probationary period in the Methodist Ministry in New South Wales he was ordained and appointed to Tamworth, after which he served in other parts of that State. He went to Queensland in 1888, and during his Ministry there was twice president of the Queensland Methodist Conference, while in 1910 he was elected President-General for Australasia. He is survived by his second wife and three sons and daughters.

The death is announced, at the age of 22, of Mrs. Helena Heniker Heaton, daughter of the late Sir Henry McCallum, who was Colonial Engineer, Straits Settlements, and afterwards Governor of Ceylon.

The engagement is announced of Mr. George E. Cumming, Craigielea Estate, Muar, eldest son of the Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Cumming, Dufftown, Scotland, and Eleanor, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maude, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Great Britain has been loyally served by many consuls and vice-consuls of Spanish birth and by none more than by Vice-Consul Bartolomé Escudero, who recently died at Mahon at the advanced age of 79 years. No man of his time enjoyed in the Balearic Islands a more solid prestige. During the 39 years in which he occupied the Vice-Consulate in Minorca he knew personally three British monarchs.

Dr. William E. Hoy, D.D., of the Reformed Church Mission of America, Yochow, Hunan, for over 40 years a missionary in Japan and China, Principal of the Boys' School, Lakeide, Yochow, which was taken over by the Bolshevists, died on board ship while en route to America. He was buried at sea. His friends state that he died of a broken heart. He was so heart-broken of his missionary work that friends were afraid he might not live to get on the steamer.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the "President McKinley" from Shanghai and Seattle included Mr. L. Wasen, Mr. C. F. Meyer and Mrs. B. L. Meyer of the Standard Oil Co.; Mr. S. S. Beltz of the Wilbur Ellis Co.; Colonel P. M. Holsington, President of the First National Bank, Kansas City. Through passengers for Manila included Dr. F. C. Cuanjanco of the Rockefeller Foundation; Mr. S. J. Tomholt, financial and commercial editor, "China Press," Shanghai; Mr. E. Schradiek of the Standard Oil Co.; Mr. V. S. Robson; Mr. L. H. Burke, Mr. Richard B. Cook, Mr. Sydney L. Plant.

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HOME SOCCER.

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RESULTS OF 5 DIVISIONS.

London, April 18.
Principal league football matches to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa 2, Arsenal 3.
Cardiff 2, Liverpool 0.
Derby 2, Manchester United 2.
Everton 3, Birmingham 1.
Leicester 1, Bury 1.
Sheffield 1, Bolton 1.
West Bromwich 2, Blackburn 0.
West Ham 1, Tottenham 2.

Division II.

Barnsley 2, Portsmouth 0.
Chelsea 1, Wolverhampton 0.
Hull 3, Preston N.E. 1.
Manchester City 7, Darlington 0.
Notts County 4, Bradford City 0.
Oldham 3, Notts Forest 3.
Reading 1, Grimsby 1.
Southampton 1, Clapton Orient 2.
South Shields 2, Blackpool 2.
Swansea 4, Fulham 2.

Division III (South).

Aberdare 0, Coventry 7.
Bournemouth 2, Bristol City 0.
Bristol Rovers 3, Swindon 1.
Charlton 1, Plymouth 1.
Crystal Palace 2, Gillingham 2.
Exeter 1, Millwall 1.
Luton 4, Brighton 0.
Norwich 4, Watford 0.
Queen's Park Rangers 2, Newport 0.
Southend 2, Northampton 0.

Division III (North).

Ashington 4, Crewe 1.
Barrow 1, Southport 4.
Burham 5, Wrexham 0.
Durham 4, Lincoln 2.
Nelson 0, Chesterfield 3.
Rochdale 2, Halifax 0.
Stockport 3, Huddersfield 3.
Stoke 0, Doncaster 0.
Tottenham 2, Accrington 1.
Walsall 0, New Brighton 1.
Wigan 0, Rotherham 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Queen's Park 1, Dundee 4.
Celtic 0, Rangers 1.

CHARITY MATCH.

ARMY SOCCER TEAM v. HONG KONG.

IN AID OF M.C.L. FUNDS.

Mrs. Luard, the wife of H.E. the G.O.C., and the President of the Military Branch of the Ministering Children's League, has organised a grand charity football match between the Army and a representative side of Hong Kong, to take place on the Army ground at Sookumpoo this Saturday.

Sir Shou-son Chow has kindly promised to kick-off at 4 p.m. when the two teams will be lined up and introduced to him.

The brass and pipe bands of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B. (by kind permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. and officers) will play from 3.30 p.m. and during half-time.

During half-time Pipe-Major W. Mackie and Pipers will dance Scottish national dances.

Ball to be Raffleed.

Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd. have kindly presented the football to be used in the match, which will be raffled at half-time. Tickets for the raffle at 20 cents each will be obtainable on the ground.

A credit card to the value of \$20 has been kindly presented by Messrs. H. Rutledge and Son, No. 16, Queen's Road, Central.

Messrs. Sincere Co., Ltd. have also kindly presented a credit note valued at \$10.

These credit cards will be drawn for during the interval and all purchasers of tickets of admission will be given a free chance. The public are requested to keep their tickets.

As this well known charity is for the benefit of Chinese as well as Europeans, it is hoped that the gate will be a record one. The price of admission to the covered stand is \$1 and open stand 50 cents.

Tickets are obtainable from: Mrs. C. C. Luard, Headquarters; Messrs. Hon. Sports Secretary, Victoria Barracks; Anderson Music Co.; Moutrie and Co.—Contributed.

NEW BILLIARDS RECORD.

In the second heat of 2,000 up in the British Empire amateur billiards championship at Burroughes Hall, London, Lawrence Steeples, of Sheffield, the English champion, met Malcolm Smith, of Edinburgh, the holder of the Scottish title.

Steeples made a record break of 236 in an amateur championship (under the revised rules).

RECREIO RALLY.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS MEET THE REST.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Making a fine rally in the closing stages, Club de Recreio (champion) managed to draw with "The Rest" yesterday in the closing game of division I, the Hong Kong Football League.

Two exhibition matches were played on the H.K.F.C. ground at Happy Valley.

In section "A," division II, the winners (reserves) of the 2nd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers trounced a team representative of the other clubs by 3 goals to 2. Then the Recreio (who have won the championship in their second senior season) shared six goals with their opponents—the cream of the other seven participating clubs.

Recreio started off in style, their characteristic forward raids resulting in Gosano putting his side one

SOCCER CUP.

Royalty At Army Final, Aldershot.

London, April 18.
Their Majesties the King and Queen were present at Aldershot to-day for the final of the Army Football Cup.

The 2nd Bn. Leicestershire Regiment defeated Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Southern Command) by the odd goal in three.

up. Suen Kam-shun (Chinese Athletic) equalised before half-time.

The Rev. Alexander (Kosbies) and Hayes (Kowloon) gave "the Rest" a two goals lead. In the last few minutes—after having been on the defensive for some time—the Recreio launched out and goals by J. Silva and Gosano made the score 3-2.

Kosbies' Great Victory.

The Kosbies' Reserves had an easy task against the Rest of section "A" of the League.

Crawley scored twice early. Stock, Skeggs and Stevens made the score 5-1 but Omar (St. Joseph's College) slightly reduced the lead.

After half-time, Stock increased the lead to 6-1 but Pereira (Recreio Reserves) scored again for the Rest. Ward (St. Joseph's) put through his own goal; then Stock and Stevens ran the Infantrymen's total up to nine, against the other side's two.

Season's Honours.

At the close of the senior game, the teams lined up before the Club stand where the "Sunday Herald" Cup and the three league cups were on view.

Mr. G. T. May, President of the Football League, congratulated the Club de Recreio on winning the senior league, the Chinese Athletic for being the runners-up in the senior and in division II, section "A" in the first year of the Club's formation; the 2nd K.O.S.B. Reserves for going through the season without a defeat, which was a great honour in their first season; and St. Joseph's College Reserves for winning the "B" division on the replay after a tie with the Moslem Club.

Trophies Distributed.

Mr. May then asked Mrs. R. M. Dyer to present the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup to Scotland, the winning team in the international competition.

Mrs. Dyer also presented the senior cup to P. Xavier, captain of the Club de Recreio, the junior "A" cup to Sgt. Skeggs, K.O.S.B. Reserves and the junior "B" cup to the captain of St. Joseph's Reserves.

Medals were also presented to the winners and runners-up in each section of the league.

Scotland the Home of Soccer.

Miss Kathleen McTavish then handed Mrs. Dyer a bouquet in silver holder, tied with the blue and white of the H.K.F.A.

Mr. R. M. Dyer (President of the H.K.F.A.) then thanked the League officials for asking Mrs. Dyer to present the trophies and medals. He was very pleased that Scotland had won the Charity Cup and hoped they would continue to do so. He was also pleased that the K.O.S.B.'s had won the junior league, for Scotland was the home of soccer football.

Three cheers and a "tiger" for Mrs. Dyer closed the proceedings.

CURIOUS RUNNING RACE.

No more curious sporting event has ever been contested than that which took place in South Africa recently. A champion woman runner, Miss Bennett, ran against a whippet over a hundred yards, and on the assumption that Miss Bennett's time would be a fraction over 12 seconds to the whippet's 6 1/2 seconds, she was allowed 48 yards start. Miss Bennett won the race by inches in 6.3-5 seconds.

ANOTHER SURPRISE.

2ND EXTRA RACE MEETING YESTERDAY.

MORE BIG DIVIDENDS.

There was another surprise yesterday, the second day of the 2nd extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, at Happy Valley.

After Saturday's "invasion," it was thought that Macao's ponies would do well again. On the whole, they disappointed; but the big race of the day was again annexed by the sister colony.

That was Mr. Wong's solitary victory for the day, after his surprise of four on Saturday. The local riders had better mounts in that race (the fourth) but played themselves into his hands by making the 1 1/4 miles into a slow mile.

Victory of "The Kings." No rain fell during the day but the going was still on the slow side. The attendance showed little improvement over the first day.

Mr. F. A. Pollock and Mr. W. T. Stanton each scored two victories. The only owner to win a double was Mr. "Dynasty," whose King Alan was bought in, in the selling plate, for \$260.

King Alan also had a second. King of the Plains began with a second and finished up with the biggest winning dividend of the day. As King of Troy, the other pony entered by Mr. Dynasty, also won on Saturday, the owner had a very successful meeting.

On the whole, fields were not small and there were some thrilling finishes.

Cash Sweep results are given herewith. Drawers of unplaced runners receive \$50 each except where stated.

Race I.

No. 15 \$693.70
" 19 198.20
" 6 99.10
Unplaced Nos.: 250, 343, 77, 50, 267.

Race II.

No. 13 \$983.60
" 388 281.00
" 198 140.60
Unplaced Nos.: 347, 148, 213, 28, 7, 46.

Race III.

No. 137 \$1,330.70
" 350 380.20
" 148 190.10
Unplaced Nos.: 31, 17, 303, 22.

Race IV.

No. 309 \$2,788.80
" 127 796.80
" 496 398.40
Unplaced Nos.: 271, 130, 199, 410.

Race V.

No. 64 \$1,626.80
" 292 464.80
" 520 232.40
Unplaced Nos. 355, 184, 325, 410.

Race VI.

No. 188 \$1,472.80
" 134 420.80
" 360 210.40
Unplaced Nos.: 74, 368, 149.

Race VII.

No. 466 \$1,505.00
" 38 430.00
" 170 215.00
Unplaced Nos.: 263, 100.

Race VIII.

No. 75 \$1,540.00
" 201 330.00
" 395 330.00
Unplaced No. 241.

Race IX.

No. 287 \$1,585.50
" 175 453.00
" 10 226.00
Unplaced Nos.: 299, 327, 385, 633, 420.

1.—Junk Bay Plate: half mile.—For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's "The Goblin" (Mr. Pollock) 1
Mr. Dynasty's King of the Plains (Mr. da Roza) 2
Mr. K. H.'s Macao Beauty (Mr. Chun) 3

Also ran: Home Call (Mr. Sewell), Grey Morn (Mr. Reidy), Battle Eve (Mr. Stanton), Loongwa (Mr. Wong), Cra (Mr. Kelly), Grande del Norte (Mr. Seth).

A head; 1 1/4 lengths.
Time: 1.01.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner \$14.10
Place 1st 6.70
2nd 12.10
3rd 8.80

2.—Mrs. Bay Handicap: "C" class: one mile.—For China ponies. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Scooter (Mr. Bulteel) 1
Mr. Dynasty's King Alan (Mr. da Roza) 2
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Rannoch (Mr. Reidy) 3

Also ran: Saracen (Mr. Tummler), Grey Streak (Mr. Pollock), Golden Hall (Mr. Wong), Salvo (Mr. Chun), Plum Pudding (Mr. Stanton), Sugar Loaf (Mr. Wallace).

3 lengths; 2 lengths.
Time: 2.14 1/5.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$15.30
Place 1st 6.50
2nd 6.90
3rd 6.50

3.—Mrs. Bay Handicap: "B" class: one mile.—For China ponies. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Tangle (Mr. Reidy) 1
Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Grig (Mr. Sewell) 2
Mr. Eve's Bright Eve (Mr. Chun) 3

Also ran: King of Troy (Mr. Bulteel), Grey Knight (Mr. Pollock), Barley Grass (Mr. da Roza), Spectre (Mr. Stanton), A neck; 1/4 length.
Time: 2.11 2/5.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner \$30.00
Place 1st 13.40
2nd 20.80
3rd 15.30

4.—Eastern Plate: one and a half miles.—For China ponies. Non-winners of this year 5 lbs. allowance; winners this year, of one race, W.I.; of two races 5 lbs. penalty; of three or more races 10 lbs. penalty. J.A. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$500. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. Yam Man's Flash Star (Mr. Wong) 1
Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call (Mr. Pollock) 2
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Ukelele (Mr. Bulteel) 3

Also ran: Misty Eve (Mr. Stanton), The Gezer (Mr. Sewell), Laceda II (Mr. Chun).
A length; 3 lengths.
Time: 3.26.3.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner \$36.90
Place 1st 6.50
2nd 5.70
3rd 5.60

5.—Deef Stakes: half mile.—Catchweights 168 lbs. Jockeys and ponies that have won a race this year barred. Entrance \$3. Post entries. 1st prize: \$200. 2nd prize: \$100. 3rd prize: \$50.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's The Regent (Mr. Stanton) 1
Mr. U-Un's Dragon Boat (Mr. Bousfield) 2
Mr. R. M. Austin's District Call (Mr. Seth) 3

Also ran: Bill Brewer (Mr. Shellington), Stripes (Mr. Mattingley), Blotting Paper (Dr. McGowan), Pessimist (Mr. Kelly).

No. 2 Platoon was 2nd in the Blake Shield with 293 points (Lt. Mitchell 76, Sgt. Branson 74, Pte. Pile 74 and Pte. Warren 69).

No. 5 Platoon also won the Francis Cup with 252 points (Pte. Maekell 68, Pte. McLennan 64, Capt. Logan 60 and Cpl. Young 60). Pte. Maekell lost only two points at the 500 in this competition also.

No. 2 Platoon was again 2nd with 225 points (Sergeant Branson 60, Pte. Pile 60, Pte. Jex 57 and Lt. Mitchell 48).

No. 1 Platoon won the Lewis Gun Competition with 66 points (2nd Lt. Jarvis, Cpl. Bowker and Pte. Collis). No. 5 Platoon being 2nd with 61 (Cpl. Young and Ptes. McLennan and Maekell).

Petty Officers Wells and Fleet tied with 29 out of a possible 30 in the open revolver competition. The Corps competition was won by 2nd Lt. Thornhill (26), Sgt. Westlake being 2nd with 21.

WON AGAIN.

K.B.G.C. AGAINST THEIR NEIGHBOURS.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club again defeated their neighbours, Kowloon Cricket Club, yesterday, in a friendly bowls match.

On Thursday (on the K.C.C. greens) the Bowling Green Club won on three rinks but yesterday they had a majority on all four.

Scores:—
K. B. G. C. K. C. C.
Dobbie Hamblin
Hale Wragge
Holland Goldenberg
Macfarlane Gibson
(skip) (skip)
Muir Kern
MacLachlan Labrum
Chapman Lammert
Farrell Hill
Magill (skip)
Nagill Goodwin
Rundell Hirst
Duncan Tachi
Russell Pile
(skip) (skip)
Hedley Davidson
Cuff Lyal
Hazzell Overy
Harvey Hyde
(skip) (skip)
Totals 94 62

Mr. C. Bond (President of the Bowling Green Club) expressed his pleasure at seeing the young men in the Kowloon Cricket Club taking up a warm welcome and praised the high standard of bowls. Mr. W. Goldenberg replied for the Cricket Club.

RIFLE MEETING.

VOLUNTEERS' CONCLUDING SHOOT.

Conditions were more favourable yesterday for the continued Volunteer Defence Corps Rifle Meeting at Stonecutters. Light was better and there was no rain.

Capt. Logan won the individual musketry competition with 68 points, others being Pte. McLennan (67), Cpl. Young (65), Lt. Mitchell (65) and B. S. M. Summers (65).

No. 5 Platoon won the Blake Shield with 294 points (Pte. Maekell 81, Pte. McLennan 84, Cpl. Young 74 and Pte. Nisbet 65).

Pte. Maekell wins a special prize for obtaining the full possible at 500 yards.

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FANLING GOLF.

SHANGHAI VISITORS CUP RESULT.

The result of the Shanghai Visitors Cup, played over the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club old course at Fanling during the Easter holidays, resulted in a tie, N. L. Smith and A. E. Wood both returning, net scores of 154. The best cards were as follow:—

N. L. Smith 168—14=154
A. E. Wood 184—30=154
J. S. McLaren 184—24=160
J. W. Franks 175—14=161
L. S. Dowell 175—10=165

Surgeon Commander G. Aubrey, R. N. had the best 18 holes' score of 77—9=86.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner \$11.60.
Place 1st \$7.10.
Place 2nd \$6.90 (Loch Tummler).
Place 2nd \$11.20 (Kom T ng Hall).

9.—Mrs. Bay Handicap: "A" class: one mile.—For China ponies. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Mr. Dynasty's King of the Plains (Mr. da Roza) 1
Mr. K. H.'s Baccarat (Mr. Wong) 2
Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gomeril (Mr. Pollock) 3

Also ran: Attaboy (Mr. Seth), Total Abstinence (Mr. Reidy), Battle Eve (Mr. Stanton), August (Mr. Bulteel), Espoir (Mr. Sewell).

2 lengths; 3 lengths.
Time: 2.08.3.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner \$117.80
Place 1st 10.20
2nd 6.60
3rd 6.20

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 19, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	20	20	20
T.T. on Shanghai	79 3/4	79 3/4	nom
Hongkong Bank	1035	1035	1030 b
do. London.	£111 n	—	£111 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	£21	£21	n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£32	£32	n
do. C.	£13 3/8	£13 3/8	n
P. & O. Bank	£94	£10	n
Bank of East Asia	68	68	b
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	\$660	\$660	\$660 s
China Underwriters	80 cts n	80 cts	b
North China Insurance	Tf43 b	143	b
Union Insurance	286	286	n
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M. n	38	n
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance ..	205	205	b
H.K. Fire Insurance	603	600	b
Shipping.			
Douglases	31	31	n
Hongkong Steamboats ..	20	20	b
H.K. Tugs & Lighters ..	1.10	1.10	n
Indo-China (Pref)	30	30	n
do. (Def.)	40	40	n
Shell Transports	95 1/2	95 1/2	n
Star Ferries	52	52	n
Water-boats	14 3/4	14 3/4	b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	18	18	a
Malabon Sugars	31	31	n
Mining.			
Benguets	1.70	—	—
Kallian Mining Ad.	38 1/2	38 1/2	n
Langkats (Combined) ..	\$21	21	n
do. (Single)	9 1/2	9 1/2	n
Shanghai Exploration ..	T4	4	n
Shanghai Loan	T7	7	n
Raubs	4	4	n
Trench Mines	21 1/2	—	—
Ural Caspians	8	21 1/2	n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	98	98	n
H.K. & W. Docks	38	38	n
Hongkews	150	—	—
New Engineerings	T 5 1/4	5 1/4	n
Shanghai Docks	T100	100	n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hobels	6.90	6.90	n
Hongkong Lands	50 1/2	50	b
Hongkong Realty	6	6	n
H.K. Territorial	1 1/2	1 1/2	n
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2	12 1/2	n
Prince's Building	89	87	n
Rural Lands	1 1/2	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T. 7 1/4	7	b
Oriental	T 2 1/2	2 1/2	n
Shanghai Cottons (old) ..	T54	54	n
do. (new)	T27	27	n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5	5	n
Cements (comb.)	7	7	n
do. (old)	6	6	n
do. (new)	1	1	n
China Buses	9 1/2	—	—
China Lights (comb.) ..	12	12	n
do. (old)	9	9	n
do. (new)	6	6	n
China Prov.	4	4	b
Dairy Farms, &c.	15	15	n
Der A. Wing	6	6	n
Hongkong Amusements ..	17 1/2	17 1/2	n
H.K. Constructions	2.30	2.30	n
Hongkong Electrics	48	48	n
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	10	n
do. (new)	5	5	n
Hongkong Tramways ..	20	20	n
Lane, Crawford	7	7	n
Macao Electrics	35	—	—
Mackintosh	10 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9 60	n
Peak Trams (old)	15	15	b
do. (new)	8	8	n
Sinceres	9	9	b
Singapore Trams	11 1/2	11 1/2	n
Taxis	1	1	n
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders) do. (Ordinary)	20	600	n
Watsons	14	18	n
Wm. Powells	6	11	n
H.K. Telephones	3 3/4	6	n
		3 3/4	n
			3.60 b

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several innovations.He started experimenting with
broadcast plays in 1925, when he
booked players for a condensed
version of "The Taming of the
Shrew." This attracted moderate
attention, and later Mr. Paskman
successfully adapted some of O.
Henry's short stories.In his broadcast plays he has in-
troduced an "extra character"—a
"scene actor"—who describes to
listeners the nature of the play and
the identity of the players. He
takes listeners from one scene to
another when the action changes,
and so provides the necessary con-
tinuity."The radio play must be con-
tinuous," says Mr. Paskman in the
New York "Herald-Tribune." "There
can be no intermissions
whatever, or else the listener will
tune out."He regards music as essential.
Without it the biggest scenes lose
half their value. The music must
be scored to interpret the mood of
the play, just as it is scored in the
cinema to fit the mood of the action
on the screen.

Musical Background.

But music, he thinks, is exceed-
ingly more important for radio
drama than for the cinema, because
the appeal of the radio perform-
ance is limited entirely to the sense
of hearing. Music is the scenery,
and setting of radio plays.General opinion is that the public
likes short, snappy broadcasts, but
Mr. Paskman says he has evidence
to the contrary. He broadcast a
dramatization of the life of Mozart,
with the composer's own music as
a background. This occupied an
hour and 20 minutes, and was re-
ceived enthusiastically by listeners.
A similar Beethoven broadcast
drew high praise from radio fans.

LATEST RADIO PEST.

A new terror for wireless lis-
teners is developing daily. It
especially afflicts those who are far
from their "home" station, or those
who are picking up distant broad-
casts, and it is due to the selfish-
ness of other listeners who employ
the latest methods of fine-tuning
while still oscillating. This new
crime has been termed "oscillation
on the silent point," and there is
an ever-growing volume of com-
plaints.If you find that your signals,
after a preliminary whoop or two,
either double in volume and be-
come horribly distorted, or twist
for a moment and then fade away
to almost nothing, you may suspect
that you are being "sat on" by a
silent point oscillator. Listening
in his private capacity, an official
of the British Broadcasting Cor-
poration recently was "sat on" in
this way for an hour and 25
minutes!The explanation is this: A set
in a state of strong oscillation tunes
in. Coarse handling of the con-
densers would result in the old too-
familiar howls of the ordinary os-
cillator. Very delicate and skilful
touches on the fine-tuning devices
now available bring the howls down
first to a deep mutter and then to
silence. The sounds have fallen
below the limit of human hearing.Sensitive wireless impulses, how-
ever, are still very much affected
by the re-radiation from the aerial
of the silent point oscillator. These
re-radiations affect the set of
any neighbouring listener who is
tuned in to the same station.There is now a new device called
the radio-goniometer, which, in con-
junction with a frame aerial, should
be equal to the work of tracking
down silent point oscillators.

VALVE DESIGN.

THAT IRRITATING HUM
ELIMINATED.Decidedly novel and interesting
features are incorporated in a new
valve which is to come on the mar-
ket shortly. This valve permits a
low tension battery to be entirely
dispensed with, and works direct
from alternating current mains. It
is in no sense the "cold valve" pro-
mised by wireless experimenters as
a possibility of the future, but by
means of a new method of "heat-
ing by radiation," it makes it pos-
sible for almost any receiver to be
successfully run from the mains. At
present its use is limited to alter-
nating current mains, being
operated through a step down trans-
former without any rectifying or
smoothing circuit. Existing meth-
ods of obtaining filament volt-
age from the mains are asso-
ciated with an irritating hum, and
there are other technical difficulties,
but in this valve a radical depar-
ture from previous design is made
with a view to overcoming these
drawbacks.Everyone knows that the purpose
of a filament is to give off a stream
of electrons when heated. The re-
volutionary point in the design of
this new valve is that the electron
emission takes place from a
cathode, a tiny cylinder coated
with a radio active substance, which
encloses the filament. Through a
step down transformer the fil-
ament is connected to the alternat-
ing current mains, and when the
filament is at white heat the sur-
rounding cathode, being heated by
radiation, gives off an enormously
high electron flow. This cylinder
remains unaffected by any small
changes in the temperature of the
filament, and the electron flow re-
mains consequently unchanged.The grid and plate, of course, sur-
round the cathode in the usual way.
A curious point is that it takes
the new valve some time to start
functioning after switching on the
heater current, owing to the time
taken for the cathode to reach a
suitable temperature. It is manu-
factured by the Marconi-Osram
Valve Company.

AERIAL AND EARTH.

When installing a radio set it is
important that the aerial and earth
should be given every care and at-
tention. In fact, some of the
aerials which are seen about are
anything but beautiful, and could
hardly be expected to give the best
results. Do not expect maximum
efficiency if your lead-in is resting
against the guttering of your house.You will not get it, as there is
usually a leakage to earth. Keep
away from the guttering and also
from the walls, and you will find a
great difference in signal strength
and selectivity. An aerial which is
too long is not conducive to selec-
tivity. The ideal aerial should be
between 30ft. and 40ft. high, and
75ft. long. A single wire aerial is,
perhaps, the best type to erect, and
three insulations at each end form
a good insulation medium. It is
often a good plan to have two
aerials, one long, as stated above,
and the other one short, about 30ft.
overall. A switch can be used to
change over from one to the other
at will, and this is a distinct ad-
vantage where radio frequency is
employed in the circuit. Such re-
ceivers as the Browning-Drake,
Neutrodyne, or Superheterodyne do
not need any aerial at all for local
stations. The distant station is
best received on the short aerial,
as selectivity is assured. The
earth, of course, is equally impor-
tant. Keep it short; also keep it
moist. An excellent earth is ob-
tained by burying a length of 50ft.
or 100ft. of 3/20 or 7/20 bare cop-
per wire. Another excellent earth
is the waterpipe. Never use a gas
pipe. It is dangerous. The very
important point is to keep the earth
moist if the wire is buried in a dry
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RUGBY'S WONDERS.

MARVELS OF WIRELESS
TELEGRAPHY.

GREAT BRITISH TRIUMPH.

When the great wireless station
at Rugby was completed it was
claimed that it was the most power-
ful in the world. The records of
the laboratory for special radio
transmission research, which is
conducted jointly by the Bureau of
Standards and the American Sec-
tion of the International Union of
Scientific Radio-Telegraphy, proves
that it is also the most efficient.
Its latest report deals with the
signals of the wireless stations
throughout the world in the months
of September and October last, and
the results constitute a triumph for
British scientists, British engi-
neers, and British industry.
For, except for one small
detail of equipment, the station is
entirely British. Its design was
prepared by the Wireless Commis-
sion, over which Mr. W. H. Eccles
presides; practically all the
material, not excluding the remark-
able thermionic valves, was made
in Britain; and the station was
erected by the Engineering Depart-
ment of the Post Office, over which
Colonel T. F. Purves presides. The
station was in some degree experi-
mental, as it represented a new
departure in equipment, and it was
therefore thought in some quarters
to be uncertain what results it
would give in comparison with
those which had been obtained from
the other powerful stations abroad,
which were already operating. All
doubts have now been set at rest
by the report which has just been
issued of the observations made at
Washington in September and
October.The weakness of the signals from
the famous German station at
Nauen, of which so much was
heard during the Great War, is
particularly interesting, and even
the French station at Bordeaux, once
regarded as unapproachable for the
strength of its signals, is revealed
as sending far less strong signals
than Rugby. The claim that the
super-British station, which is now
being used for transatlantic tele-
phony with such remarkable suc-
cess, is the most powerful as well
as the most efficient, is consequently
supported by the most impartial
evidence.

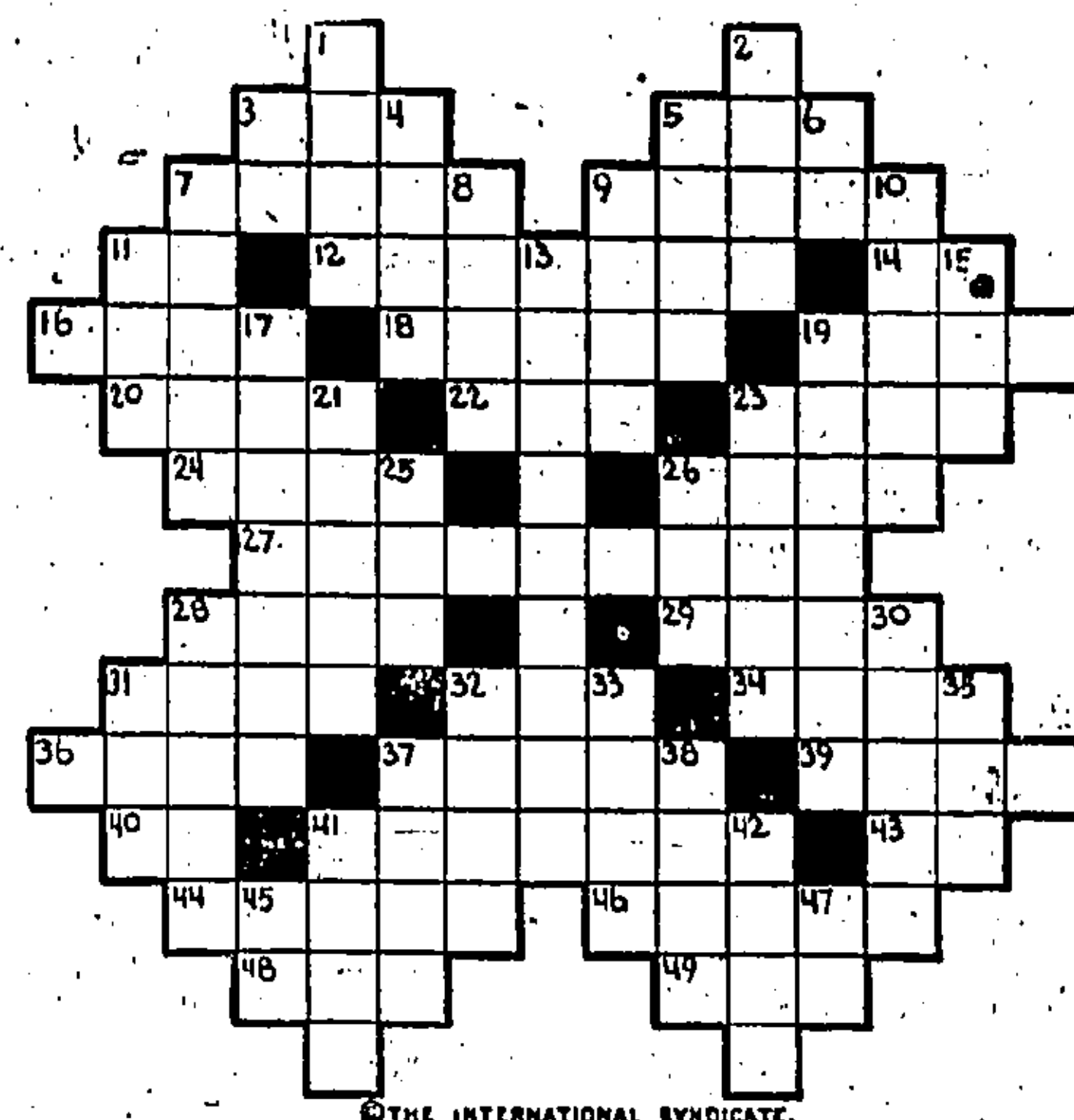
TALK OVER ARCTIC CIRCLE.

The Marconi International
Marine Communication Company
states that the first recorded trans-
mission of the human voice from
one merchant ship to another over
the Arctic Circle is reported by the
Hudson Bay Company as having
taken place during the last voyage
of the s.s. "Bayrupert." This ship
was fitted with a 100 watt Marconi
wireless telephone set at Montreal
before starting on its voyage to the
trading posts in the Hudson Bay at
the beginning of the summer. The
primary object of this equipment
was to enable the Hudson Bay Com-
pany's officials to speak to the posts
about twenty-four hours before
reaching them so as to enable them
to make docking arrangements, and
so to have time when the ship
arrived.Very much greater ranges than
had been anticipated were achieved,
and on August 30 speech from the
"Bayrupert" was clearly received on
the "Baymaud" and the "Bay-
chime," which were six hundred
miles and 1,100 miles distant re-
spectively, over the Arctic Circle.
Not only was this the first time, so
far as the Hudson Bay Company
is aware, that the human voice has
been sent across the Arctic Circle
from one merchant ship to another,
but the distance between the "Bay-
rupert" and the "Baychime" is prob-
ably a record distance for tele-
phony with this particular set.

BROADCASTING PICTURES.

Replying to questions in the
House of Commons, Sir William
Mitchell-Thomson, Postmaster-
General, stated that experimental
wireless licences had been issued
to several people to enable them to
experiment in broadcasting both
still and moving pictures. Several
systems had been suggested, but the

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

HORIZONTAL

3-Morass
5-Hint
7-Intended
9-Those having
11-Prank meaning
"two"
12-Entrance to New
York harbor
14-Italian river
16-Small herd
18-Travel
19-Sulk
20-Walk
22-Metallic element
23-A coagulated mass
24-Clock face
26-Tribe
27-Light-minded
28-Expire
29-Wages
31-To plant seed
32-A serpent
34-Dispatch

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

36-Guide
37-To permit
38-To pursue
40-By or near
41-Actors
43-13th letter of the
alphabet
44-Entire
46-Wild animal
48-Dried grass
49-Kettle

VERTICAL

1-Lend
2-Ace
3-Exit
4-Insect
5-Bovine quadruped
6-And (Lat.)
7-Dug for ore
8-A brick pace
9-Wind instrument
10-A place of table
aliver
11-Anathematize

VERTICAL (Cont.)

13-Disastrously
15-Three strikes in
baseball
17-Exalted
19-Mixture of lime,
sand and water
21-Risked
22-Hint that guide
through a maze
25-Cover
26-Kind of horse
28-Generation of life
30-Scot
31-Ocean
32-Once who writes
verse
33-Obstruction
37-Associate
38-Cloak
41-Drama
42-Blemish
43-Exclamation
47-PronounSUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure.
These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn
will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the
numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



SEND YOUR FRIENDS AT HOME.

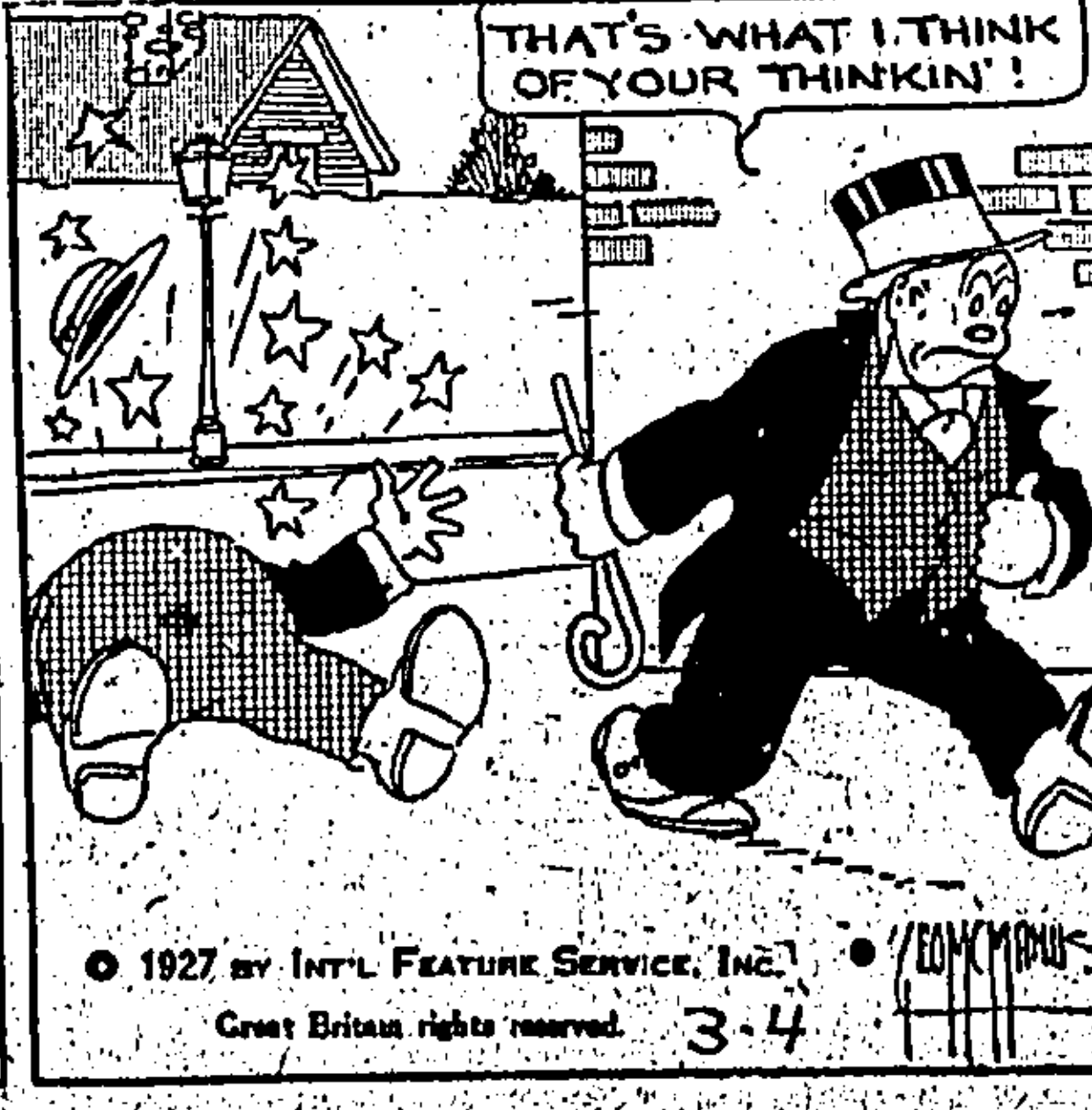
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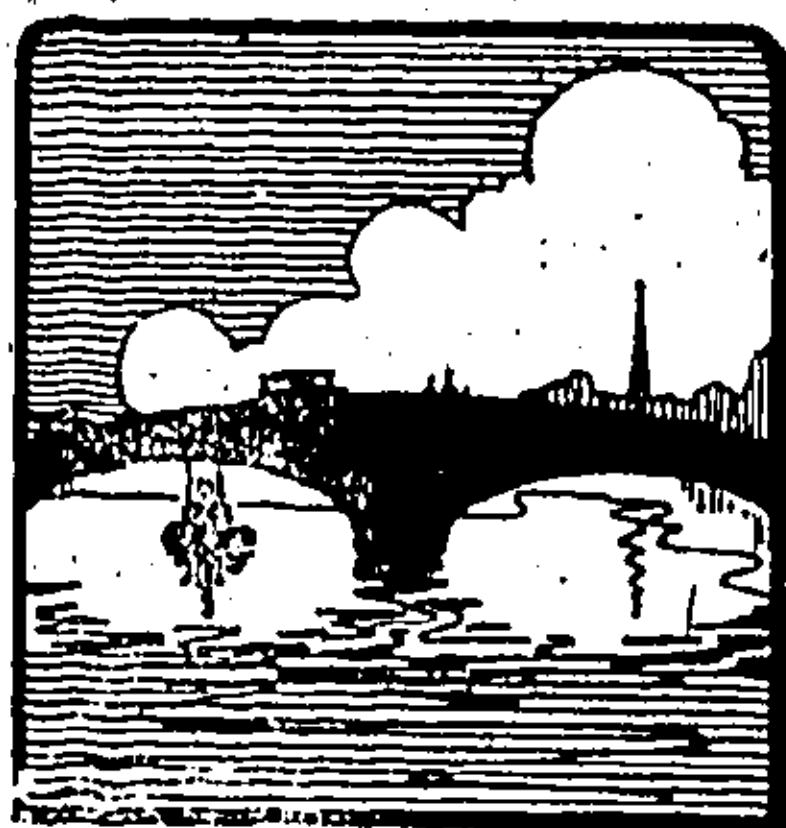
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

A number of Welsh collieries are
adopting summer prices of 25s. a
ton at the pithead, representing a
reduction of 6s. a ton.

For failing to take precautions
against spreading small-pox a youth
who went to work while suffering
from the disease was fined £2 at
Sheffield.

Mr. John Bell, Fellow, tutor, and
Dean of Queen's College, Oxford,
has been appointed High Master of
St. Paul's School, Hammer-
smith, W.

At Poole, Dorset, a new public
bridge, costing about £70,000, will
obliterate a six-miles journey for
vehicles travelling between Poole
and Hamworthy.

Mr. T. R. Strong, a Londoner,
aged 55, has been appointed Director
of Education in New Zealand,
where he has been Chief Inspector
of primary schools.

The Archbishop of Canterbury
officiated at a memorial service for
the late Dr. Walter Leaf, chairman
of the Westminster Bank, at
Marylebone parish church.

The performance of "The Creation"
(Haydn) by the Royal Choral
Society announced for Saturday,
March 26, was postponed until
Saturday, May 7, at 2.30 p.m.

A man told the Greenwich magis-
trate that he borrowed £133 from a
moneylender in 1923 and though he
had repaid £231 the bailiffs had
been put in for a balance of £66.

With the object of finding the
owners, there is on view at Pad-
dington Green, W., Police Station
a mixed collection of articles be-
lieved to have been stolen during
the past 12 months.

Panel doctors are doing so well
now that they have country houses
and bungalows and go for a breath
of fresh air at the sea from Satur-
day till Monday—Dr. Waldo, the
City of London coroner.

In aid of various charities the
Exchange Dramatic and Operatic
Society gave the first of five per-
formances at the Scala Theatre,
Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, W.,
of Sir J. M. Barrie's comedy, "Dear
Brutus."

For the week ended February 26
the coal output from British mines
was 5,371,400 tons, and the wage
earners numbered 1,012,700, com-
pared with 5,365,900 tons output
and 1,010,500 wage earners of the
preceding week.

The provisional committee of the
Air League of India has elected Sir
Montagu Webb, a former member
of the Legislative Assembly, as
chairman, and has decided to form
at Karachi a light aeroplane club,
the first in India.

Among wills recently proved in
England was that of Mr. William
Rawlinson, of Patrington, Ebeles,
Lancashire, described as a brick-
layer, who left estate of the gross
value of £5,078, with net personally
£4,956. Probate of the will was
granted to his sons, William, hair-
dresser, and John, bricklayer, and
son-in-law, Mr. Charles Goodwin,
stonemason. The testator left all
his property to his children in equal
shares.

The Treaty of Conciliation be-
tween Italy and Chile has been
signed by Signor Mussolini and the
Chilean Minister in Rome.

When Sir Thomas Beecham
conducted a performance of
Tristan and Isolde at the
Hungarian Royal Opera House in
Budapest he was warmly ap-
plauded by a crowded house.

Women members are to be ad-
mitted to the Anglican Synod of
British Columbia, provided that
at least 50 per cent. of the elect-
ed representatives of each parish
consists of male communicants.

A consignment of 700,000 bad
eggs has been seized in Madrid
and fines amounting to 7,000
pesetas, about £200, were imposed
on the importing firms and their
Madrid agents. The eggs came
from Hamburg.

According to the final figures
for the new census of Bulgaria
the population is now 5,484,143
an increase of 637,172 since Decem-
ber 31, 1920. The division of
the sexes is males 2,747,983 (an
increase of 327,199), females
2,736,160 (an increase of
309,973).

Sir Alan G. Anderson, acting
chairman of the International
Chamber of Commerce, has re-
turned from Budapest. His jour-
ney was connected with prepara-
tions for the world conference
which is to be arranged by the
International Chamber of Com-
merce at Geneva.

A committee representing the
public services has written to the
Australian Government urging
an immediate statement of the
allowances to be made to public
servants transferred to Canberra,
where it is estimated that rent
alone will be 20 per cent. higher
than in Melbourne.

Mr. Robert Ritchie has made a
donation of £40,000 to the Uni-
versity of Melbourne as a memorial
to his son, Captain Ritchie, who
was killed in the war. He wishes
£30,000 to be used to endow a
Chair of Economics and the re-
mainder to be added to the
Trinity College funds.

CHILD WELFARE.

There is nothing that marks the
great advance in social organisation
more than the attention that is now-
days bestowed upon child welfare—
legislation to insure adequate school-
ing, laws prescribing the conditions
under which children may labour, and
a host of other safeguards. The health
of the child, the child's health is
no small item in the children's welfare
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young, particularly those arising
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cine Co., 60 Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

Senator Leonardo Bianchi,
Professor of Pathology in the
University of Naples and a lead-
ing exponent of eugenics, has died
suddenly.

The Programmes Committee of
the Wireless League are to ask the
B.B.C. to broadcast Sunday's reli-
gious service at an earlier hour,
and 6 p.m. is suggested.

At Holbeach, Lincolnshire,
Messrs. William Egar, John Har-
rop, and Frederick White have com-
pleted 50 years' membership of the
local lodge of Oddfellows.

The new service of steamers be-
tween Canada and the West Indies
under the control of the Canadian
Government will be managed by
the Canadian National Railways.

The body of an unknown woman,
aged between 55 and 60, 5ft. 5in.
in height, and dressed in a long brown
raincoat, black skirt, and black hat,
was found in Brighton Cemetery.

Dr. Dawson Turner, of Highdown
Heath, Godalming, Surrey, who was
X-ray and radium expert at Edin-
burgh Royal Infirmary for 30 years,
has lost another finger owing to
X-ray dermatitis.

Sheffield automatic telephone ex-
change—stated to be the biggest
conversion of its kind yet carried
out in Britain—came into operation
at midnight, 11,000 subscribers,
renting 15,000 telephones, being
affected.

For cutting off the hair of two
young girls, one of whom was rid-
ing in an omnibus and the other
looking into a shop, William Alfred
Wright 32, a homeless labourer, was
sentenced to six months' hard la-
bour at North London.

Student suicides continue almost
daily in the United States, where
two high school pupils, aged 15 and
16 shot themselves, one because
he had been reproved by his teacher,
and the other shouting, "I'm
going straight to hell."

General Machado, the Presi-
dent of Cuba, has signed a decree
limiting sugar production from
the coming crop in Cuba to
4,500,000 tons, states an "Ex-
change Telegraph" message from
Havana.

Telegrams were exchanged be-
tween President Hindenburg and
President Coolidge over the new
submarine cable which gives Ger-
many her first independent com-
munication with the United States
since the German cables were de-
stroyed during the war.

The body of Gen. Sir Walter Con-
greve, late Governor of Malta, was
taken on board H.S. sloop "Chrysan-
themum" and buried at sea, as he
had requested. Lady Congreve
witnessed the procession from a
point on the Maltese coast where
her husband used to sit.

Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Ramsay Mac-
donald, and Mr. Lloyd George are
"backers" of Mr. Gosling's Bill to
give the Imperial War Graves Com-
mission powers to erect at Trinity-
square, Great Tower Hill, E.C., a
memorial to officers and men of the
Mercantile Marine who fell in the
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graphic science, was completed re-
cently, when a new telegraph re-
peater station was formally opened
at White River, Ontario. The main
switch, cutting the new up-to-date
station into the circuit, was closed
by Mrs. J. E. Deane, who had been
closely connected with Canadian
Pacific developments at White River
since construction days. Many
prominent officials of the Company
were present at the official opening
January 29, including: J. McMillan,
general manager of Telegraphs,
Montreal; E. J. Humphrey, general
superintendent, North Bay, and
D. H. Bowen, superintendent of Tele-
graphs at Sudbury.

Through the installation of the
new plant the efficiency of over-
land facilities will be greatly in-
creased owing to the fact that sig-
nals formerly carried direct from
Sudbury to Fort William, will now
be strengthened and repeated at
White River, the half-way point. It
was pointed out to the press by Mr.
McMillan that the overland service
will be increased in speed and flexi-
bility, thus affording additional ser-
vice. The present approximate dis-
tance between stations of this na-
ture operated by the Canadian Pa-
cific is 800 miles. A few years ago
distances between repeating sta-
tions were fully double the distance
now accepted as the best practice.
For example, Mr. McMillan pointed
out, the Canadian Pacific overland
wires were stretched from Montreal
to Vancouver with the first repeater
station at Fort William, a distance
from Montreal of about 1,000 miles.
Since the opening of the service the
first station of this nature was built
at Sudbury. The decision to further
cut down the distance to Fort Wil-
liam resulted in the construction of

Upper: Group of C.P.R.
superintendents who attended
official opening of telegraph
repeater station at White River.
Lower: Mrs. J. E. Deane, who
closed the new telegraph re-
peater station at White River.

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The Radio Telegraph Service between Hong Kong and Swatow has been resumed and telegrams for Swatow are now accepted under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

INWARD MAILS.

From	TUESDAY, APRIL	Per
Japan	19	Janus.
Australia & Manila	22	Mishima Maru.
Japan		Aki Maru.
Japan & Shanghai		Katori Maru.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers)		
London 24th March		Santhia.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	26	Shinyo Maru.
FRIDAY, APRIL	29	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai		Empress of Asia.
Japan & Shanghai		Malwa.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	TUESDAY, APRIL	Per
Shanghai, Japan, & Victoria B.C.	19	
due Victoria B.C. 9th May. Par-cels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m.		
Letters 5 p.m.		President Taft.
Amoy		Lai Sang
Halphong		New Mathilde
Fort Bayard		Sunkong
Hoihow & Bangkok		Alex Kielland
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver B.C. due Vancouver 8th May & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (20th) 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.		Empress of Russia.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL	20	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa		Honolulu Maru
Manila, Sandakan & Rabaul		Calulu
Straits		Yuen Sang
THURSDAY, APRIL	21	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa		Kotsu Maru
FRIDAY, APRIL	22	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow		Hai Ching
SATURDAY, APRIL	23	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island due Thurs-day Island 5th May. Registration 8.30 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.		Aki Maru.

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Rio de Janeiro, April 18.
Thirty delegates representing the United States and Central and South American States are attending the congress of jurists for the codification of American international law under the pre-

COSTLY BLAZE.

Liverpool Cotton Warehouse Destroyed.

London, April 18.
Twenty thousand sales of cotton were burnt in a fire which destroyed a cotton warehouse at Liverpool.—Reuter.

sidency of the Foreign Minister, Sir Manganheira.

The items on the agenda include preparation of a code of international and private civil law, the organisation of a pan-American Union, a declaration of international legal rights and duties, both personal and natural, and of the principle of the responsibility of American republics with regard to foreigners, also measures for the maintenance of peace and the solution of inter-American differences.—Reuter's American Service.

GRANTS FOR TERRITORIALS.

London, March 30.
Sir L. Worthington Evans announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Government had decided to introduce, as from March 1, a proficiency grant of 30 shillings per annum for men enlisting in the Territorial Army.

JAPAN'S PREMIER.

Tokyo, April 19.
Baron Gitchi Tanaka, Leader of the Selyukai, has been summoned to the Palace.
It is believed he will be asked to form a Cabinet.—Reuter.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN.

Tokyo, April 19.
Reversing yesterday's decision, the Directors of the Bank of Taiwan have decided to keep open their Headquarters and branches in Formosa.—Reuter.

BAND AT THE STAR.

The Band of the 1st Battalion of the Camerons will play at the Star Theatre to-night and to-morrow night at the 9.30 performances. There will be complete changes of programmes.

WEATHER FORECAST.

N.E. winds, moderate; overcast with drizzle or mist at first; the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.
Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

PICKED THE FLOWERS.

Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of Botanical and Forestry Dept. this morning charged three Chinese youths before Major Willson with plucking flowers at the Public Garden. Mr. Green said that there had been many cases in the past, and after a lull this offence had recently been vigorously resumed. In imposing a fine of \$25 or one month jail, Major Willson said that the flowers were not grown to be plucked. They must be protected.

SOUTH AFRICA'S INDIANS.

Bombay, April 18.
It is understood that Mr. Srinavasa Sastri, the Indian statesman, has accepted an appointment as agent of the Government of India to South Africa. The appointment is in consequence of the recent Indo-South-African agreement with regard to Indians in South Africa.—Reuter.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instruction from Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird to sell by Public Auction

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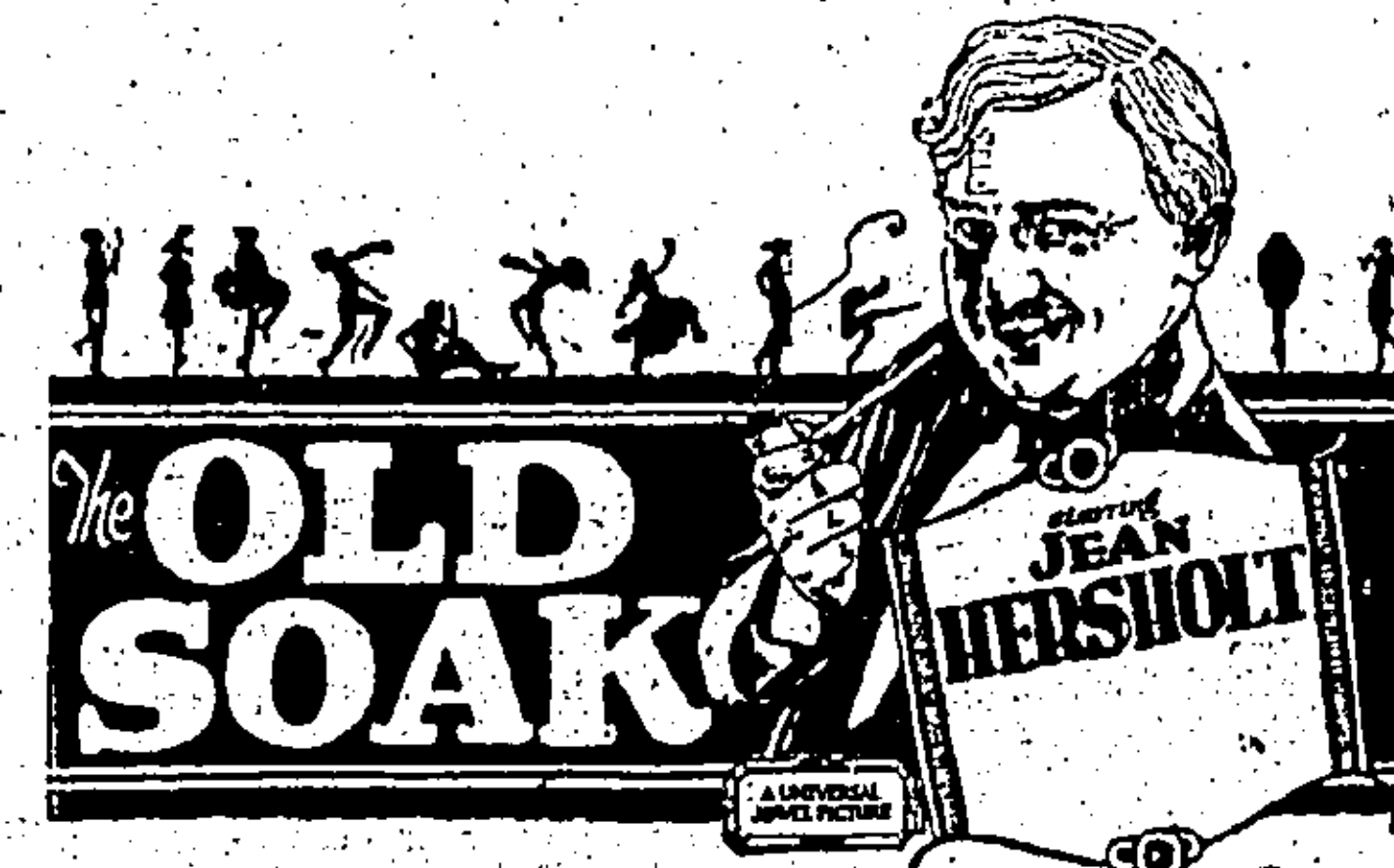
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